Cyberzine

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Welcome

Welcome to Cyberzine, the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner's online newsletter featuring up-to-date resources, information and current advice about online safety.

Gearing up for Safer Internet Day

Educators can end the year by gearing up for a safer one in 2016: registrations for Safer Internet Day Virtual Classrooms are now open. Taking place on 9 February 2016, participating educators will learn about posting images online, respectful communications, cyberbullying and being a bystander. Register now to take part and keep updated with other SID2016 activities and resources from the Office.

ACT libraries become eSafe spaces

Young people in the ACT are among the first to trial a new program—eSafe spaces —through ACT libraries. In November, library staff were trained by the Office's experienced online safety trainers in ways to help young people deal with cyberbullying and how to make cyberbullying reports. If successful, eSafe Spaces will be rolled out to 1500 public libraries across Australia in 2016.

Who are you sharing photos with?

Putting photos and videos on social media is a great way to share with friends, family, and your community. But when the images are of children, there can be risks.

For tips on how to handle it, visit our new Photos, videos and social media page where you'll find tips and information for schools, organisations, parents and

carers.

Online safety gets a boost with provider certification underway

Schools will have greater certainty when choosing online safety education programs as the Office has published an inaugural list of certified online safety providers.

Over the next three months we're also making it easier to apply to be a certified online program provider, by offering a provisional certification status. You can submit your application without insurances or Working for Children Checks and will be listed on our website as having 'provisional certification'. Providers will, however, need to submit these document to receive formal certification.
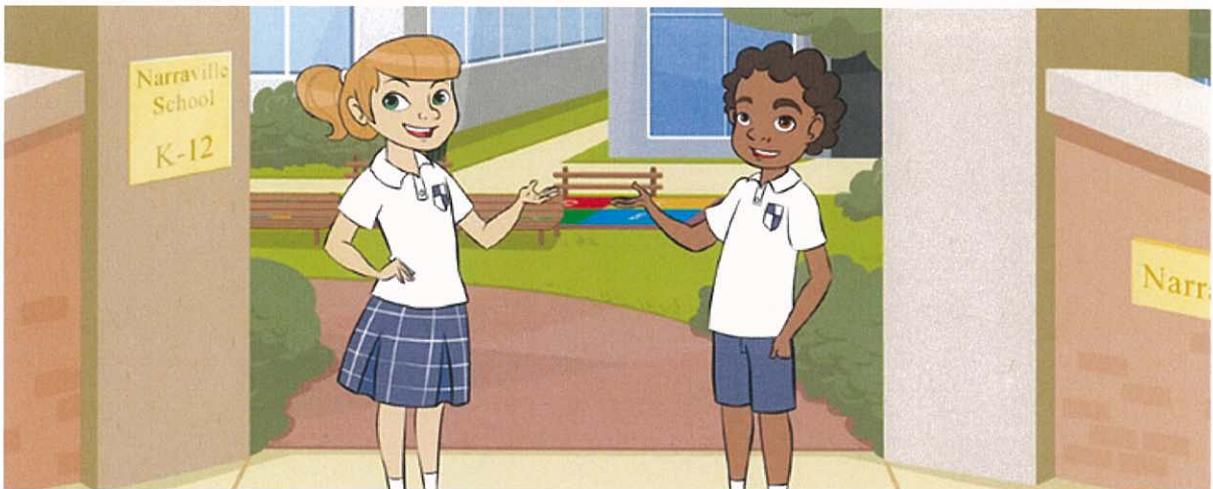
Revamped Cybersmart Detectives available soon

Building on the success of our in-school program, Cybersmart Detectives has recently been redesigned and updated into an online program.

Designed for children in Year 4, Cybersmart Detectives is an animated teaching resource using a 'real world' example which explores what may happen if someone reveals too much information online. The interactive program includes worksheets and lesson plans.

With Safer Internet Day (SID) scheduled for 9 February, educators may like to review Cybersmart Detectives now, and look at ways to use the resource on SID in 2016.

In the news: Holiday tips for safety online

Recent media coverage of our Office highlights cyberbullying risks in the holidays—and ways to help kids and teens through the break time.

Read more in The Age.
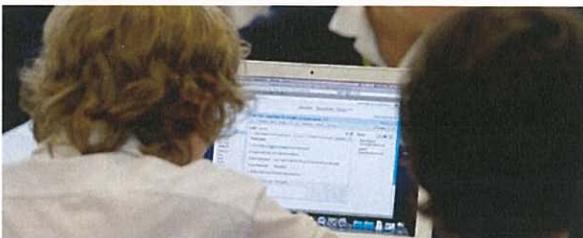
Keeping you posted: Virtual Classrooms

In 2016, join the 100,000 students and teachers who have learned about online safety through the Office's Virtual Classroom presentations. These popular live, interactive online safety presentations are run by experienced trainers and include complementary teaching resources. Sign up and participate on Safer Internet Day by registering online. New presentations are regularly added so keep an eye out in future issues of Cyberzine.

Look forward to new educator resources

Connect.ed, the online professional development program, is set to be retired, making way for soon-to-be-released refreshed educator resources. Educators who have any unfinished training are invited to complete their course by 18 December 2015 in order to receive a full completion certificate.

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