DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP
and safe use of technology and the internet

Parent Information

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Dear parents, recently Parent Assembly requested Andrew Burgess to visit our region to inform parents about Cyber Safety. Due to the feedback from parents, we have compiled this booklet with some information from Andrew’s presentation and some sites that may be helpful in assisting you to navigate the cyber world in which we share with our children. Happy Browsing. Parent Assembly Hastings Macleay Region 😊

Great website resources that Andrew spoke about in his presentation -

**Videos:**
JIGSAW  http://youtu.be/_o8auwnJtqE – Thinkuknow education programme that helps children to understand what constitutes personal information and being safe online – Great youtube video to watch with your child. 8-10 year olds

**Websites:**
justdelete.me – to find out how hard or easy it is to delete an account and how to do it
http://yoursphere.com/welcome
http://www.bewebsmart.com/
https://www.lifeline.org.au/
http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/693900
**Website help centres**

- [http://support.Twitter.com](http://support.Twitter.com)  Find out how to use Twitter and protect your child’s privacy.
- [https://support.google.com/youtube](https://support.google.com/youtube)  Read about YouTube’s safety policies and how to report inappropriate content.
- [https://support.Skype.com](https://support.Skype.com)  Browse articles about securing your child’s account and managing their privacy settings.
- [https://help.Pinterest.com](https://help.Pinterest.com)  Find out how to use Pinterest and secure your child’s account.
**Family tips:**

- Turning on SafeSearch is an easy way to help you hide images, search results and videos intended just for adults.
- Enable YouTube safety mode.
- Increase your password strength; use a combination of letters and numbers. Use different passwords and make them hard to guess, keep them safe. Never share them.
- Create a strong password for your WiFi network at home.
- Set limits on device and internet use at home.
- Create some house rules for internet usage.
- Set a good example with mobile phone and internet use.
- Be courteous and respectful online. Treat others as you would like to be treated. Show sensitivity to others (including cultural awareness).
- Use acceptable and appropriate language, publish acceptable and appropriate content.
- Think before you hit send, post or upload or comment.
- Never create an EVENT on social media - public or private.
- Know your children’s online friends.
- Don't tag photos in Facebook (they can be searched).
- Don’t open messages from people you don’t know. They could contain viruses or be trying to sell you something.
- Don’t get phished.
- Watch your bank account. Respond immediately to any unexpected withdrawals or spending.
What else:
- Privacy Settings – Check them with your child, talk about privacy
- Location Settings – turn off geo tagging
- Accepting Followers /Friends– if you don’t know them personally don’t accept them (having friends you don’t know places you at risk)
- Avoiding Portraits – use avatars
- Talk to your children – what they are downloading, posting, privacy settings, grooming, bullying, digital footprint, phishing, copyright, inappropriate photos/selfies
- Report Abuse - encourage children to report misuse/abuse and support their friends (active bystanders)
- There is no such thing as safe sexting
- Online actions sometimes = offline consequences
- Time online = risk

Other Useful sites
Terms of Service (you did not read)  www.tosdr.org
Ghostery  https://www.ghostery.com
Just delete me (how to) http://www.justdeleteme.me/
Escape your search engine filter bubble  www.dontbubble.us
The internet in real time
http://pennystocks.la/internet-in-realtime
Sending Sexual Images – State and Federal Laws

- Inappropriate photos ie: photos showing a lot of skin, semi naked or naked

**TAKING**

Taking a sexual image or clip of yourself or someone else under 18.
You could be charged with creating child pornography. This is a crime.

**SENDING**

Sending a sexual image or clip of yourself or someone else
You could be charged with the crime of distributing child pornography.

**RECEIVING**

Receiving and keeping a sexual image or clip of someone else.
You could be charged with the crime of processing child pornography

**FORWARDING**

Forwarding a sexual or suggestive image of someone
You could be charged with the distributing pornography

**ASKING**

Asking someone to send you a naked or semi naked photo / video of him or herself

- If the person is under 16 years old – You could be charged with the crime of soliciting child pornography, causing a child to be used for pornography and inciting a child to an act of indecency. You could be placed on a State Child Protection Register for a minimum of 10 years and on the ANCOR register for life. The ANCOR register is checked every time a Working With Children Application is made.

- If the person is between 16-18 years old – You could be charged with the crime of soliciting pornography and placed on a State Child Protection Register for a minimum of 10 years and placed on the ANCOR register for life.

“A little mistake can cause a lifelong problem! “