The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) offers a comprehensive range of information and resources about cybersafety designed to meet the needs of teachers, parents, children and library staff. ACMA’s cybersafety resources are provided free of charge in Australia. They are made available as part of the Australian Government’s commitment to online safety.

ACMA resources and materials include:

### Teaching resources

#### Hector’s World
**For all primary years**

Hector’s World™ is an innovative online safety resource for young children featuring Hector Protector®, a bottlenose dolphin. Developed in New Zealand by Hector’s World Ltd, this animated resource features episodes which can be viewed online. It’s accompanied by online puzzles, and downloadable storybooks and activities. For teachers, there are also lesson plans aimed at students from 5 to 11 years.

ACMA will launch Hector’s World in mid-2009.

#### CyberQuoll
**For upper primary**

The internet-related antics of the Quoll cousins are the focus of this internet safety resource for upper primary school students. CyberQuoll provides users with a fun, cartoon-style multimedia experience with episodes covering the basics of internet use and how to keep safe online. CyberQuoll includes materials such as a Teacher’s Guide, student worksheets, certificates and contracts. CyberQuoll includes materials that parents can use with their children at home.

www.cyberquoll.com.au

#### Let’s Fight It Together
**For lower secondary**

Cyberbullying and ways to address it are the focus of Let’s Fight It Together, a comprehensive teaching resource that packages together a video, supporting teaching materials and links to online activities. This resource highlights how technology can be misused leading to cyberbullying and how cyberbullying differs from other forms of bullying. It outlines how to respond and combat cyberbullying, and how to promote and develop a culture of confident technology users.

Originally developed by the Department of Children, Schools and Families and Childnet International in the United Kingdom, ACMA is licensed to use the program in Australia. Let’s Fight It Together will be launched in Australia in early 2009.

#### CyberNetrix
**For lower secondary**

Designed for early teens, CyberNetrix is an engaging multimedia resource which includes interactive activities designed to simulate popular online activities such as instant messaging. CyberNetrix aims to highlight age-specific risks online and offers advice on how to avoid them. This resource includes a Teacher Guide with activity guidelines and student handouts.

www.cybernetrix.com.au

#### Wise up to IT
**For mid to late secondary**

Wise up to IT is a video-based program aimed at secondary school students. The program covers cyberbullying, online stalking, internet security and grooming in four videos which depict young people’s experiences online. The videos encourage students to think about who they are really chatting to online, what personal information they are posting and whether or not their computer is protected from scams and spyware. Wise up to IT is supported by teacher and student resources and is available both as a DVD and online.

www.wiseuptoit.com.au

#### Cybersafety Gateway

In mid-2009, ACMA will launch a Cybersafety Gateway—a web portal giving all Australian primary and secondary schools easy access to the full range of ACMA’s cybersafety education resources. The gateway will host current ACMA resources, link to existing national and international resources and offer new materials as they are developed. The gateway will include strategic tools for cybersafety education planning.

### Cybersmart Detectives

Primary students can sleuth their way to safer internet experiences with the help of Cybersmart Detectives, an innovative online activity that teaches children internet safety messages in a safe, school environment. Children work in teams, online and in real time, to investigate an internet-themed problem, guided by teachers and internet safety experts who act as Cybersmart Guides. Cybersmart Detectives teaches children about online safety, particularly the need to protect personal information.

http://cybersmart.engagelive.net

### Materials for parents and children

#### Cybersmart Kids brochures

Social networking, mobile phone use and general internet safety tips are covered in ACMA’s suite of Cybersmart Kids brochures. The brochures provide tips for children and parents about keeping safe online.

#### Cybersmart Kids online

Cybersmart Kids online provides information on smart internet surfing, chatting and emailing for kids and their grown ups. It features hints, tips and a range of practical information for children from early primary to the final years of school about ways to keep safe while using the internet. This includes up-to-date information about how to prevent cyberbullying. Cybersmart Kids online also includes links to safe websites and material for adults.

www.cybersmartkids.com.au
SuperClubsPLUS Australia
SuperClubsPLUS Australia is a protected online social learning network for children aged 6 to 12 years. Launched in September 2008, SuperClubsPLUS Australia has proved a popular place for children to have fun, connect with other children and learn ICT, citizenship and social skills. In February 2009, ACMA launched a Cybersmart Badge on the site, enabling children to undertake a range of cybersafety activities.

www.superclubsplus.com.au

NetAlert website
The NetAlert website is part of the Australian Government’s internet safety initiative which consists of a wide range of activities. The site offers information about cybersafety issues, filters, how to make a complaint about online content or behaviour, and includes links to cybersafety materials.

www.netalert.gov.au

Materials for library staff

Cybersmart resources for public libraries
Recognising the important role that public libraries play in providing internet access and educating users, ACMA has produced a range of resources for library staff.

The resources were developed in conjunction with the Australian Library and Information Association and Australian public libraries. The resources include:
- Cybersmart Guide for Library Staff
- Cybersmart Guide for Families
- A cyber rules poster
- Four online safety information videos.

www.acma.gov.au/libraries

Cybersafety Outreach

Professional Development for Educators
ACMA’s Cybersafety Outreach—Professional Development for Educators workshops provide teachers with a comprehensive overview of internet safety. The sessions cover topics including how children use technology, digital literacy, cyberbullying, identity protection and school/teacher legal obligations to minimise and address risks. The interactive workshops are free and include resources, case studies, policies and lesson plans.

Internet safety awareness presentations
ACMA also offers free general internet safety presentations for parents, teachers and students. These easy-to-understand, thorough and informative presentations cover issues including how children use the internet, emerging technologies, potential risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft and inappropriate content. The sessions provide valuable tips to help children stay safe online.

For more information and to register, visit the ACMA website.

www.acma.gov.au/cybersafety

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