

# Helping Your Child – Electronic Communications



The college recognises how important it is for Parents and Guardians to play an active role in their child's well-being, and that we need to work together to teach both protective and respectful behaviours. Students and children will, at times, need assistance in dealing with awkward situations. Below is a compilation of some parent and student resources for use when parents or young people have concerns. They address a diverse range of risks associated with electronic communications from both a parental and a child perspective.

We encourage young people to talk to an adult when they are worried about themselves or a friend. Young people can become anxious or upset when their peers seek their help. This is understandable, as they are not yet old enough to understand some of the problems that their friends might be “sharing” or seeking help for. Sometimes this can result in inappropriate reactions when peers ask them for help, and may result in teasing, telling tales or inappropriate advice.

Students at the college are aware of our Student Services Staff who are highly trained and widely experienced professionals, able to assist students to find help for themselves and others.

## Links for parents and guardians

Department of Education:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecybersafe.aspx>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx>

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/esafety-issues>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources>

<https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/esafety-issues/sexting><https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/offensive-and-illegal-content-complaints>

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation:

<http://www.amf.org.au/bullying/>

## Links for students

Take a Stand Together:

<http://www.takeastandtogether.gov.au/under13/index.html>

<http://www.takeastandtogether.gov.au/over14/index.html>

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner:

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