

CYBER SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES

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MASTERCLASS IN CYBERSAFETY



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The digital divide



- The adults charged with the care of the next generation feel as though they are shut out, on the other side of the bedroom door.

Handouts will be
available from

www.boarding.org.au



9.30am - 10am - So what do you really know
about cyberspace - an interactive quiz...

10.45 - 11.15 - Morning Tea

11.15 - 12.30 - What are the latest
developments in cyberspace - case studies

12.30 - 1.00 - Lunch

1.00 - 2.30 - what are the components of a
great cybersafety policy for a boarding
school?

What is today
about?

Today's headlines

Bullying rife in Australian schools

June 01, 2009

Article from:  aap

 **THE AUSTRALIAN**
ONLINE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

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A NATIONAL study has revealed one in four schoolchildren from years four to nine say they are regularly attacked by bullies.

The study, commissioned by the federal government, surveyed 7000 children from 124 schools across the country.

It found bullying peaked in the final years of primary school, with 32 per cent of those students targeted, News Limited reports.

According to the study, which recommended changes to the way schools deal with the issue, almost half of students in year nine were either bullies or being bullied.

Many had also lost confidence in the ability of teachers to protect them, News Ltd reports.



Minister Gillard on cyberbullying



"I think these reports are spot-on when they describe bullying, particularly cyber-bullying, as cruel, ostracising and intimidating. Most disturbingly, many said they didn't report cyber-bullying because they were scared their mobile or computer would be taken away."

Source: Herald Sun 1st June 2009

Principals given power to crack down on cyber bullies

JOANNA VAUGHAN
May 28, 2009 12:01am

The Advertiser

PRINCIPALS now have the power to suspend students who use the internet and mobile phones to bully other students out of school hours.

Education Minister Jane Lomax-Smith will today announce that principals will be able to protect students from cyber bullying even if crimes are committed out of the schoolyard and out of school hours.

Principals will also be given more support to confiscate students' mobile phones and give them to police as evidence if they believe the phones have recorded crimes.

The new laws are part of a directive to principals by the **Education Department** to crack down on cyber bullies.

The latest research shows mobile phones and the internet are playing a major role in increasing incidents of bullying and

News Release

www.ministers.sa.gov.au



Hon Jane Lomax-Smith
Minister for Education
Minister for Mental Health and
Substance Abuse
Minister for Tourism
Minister for the City of Adelaide

Thursday, 28 May 2009

STRONGER DEFENCE AGAINST CYBER BULLYING

The power of principals to protect their students from bullying has been extended beyond the school gate, in response to the widespread reach of techno-savvy bullies.

Principals are now able to suspend or exclude students who threaten the safety or wellbeing of others in the school community, regardless of where and when incidents occur.

Education Minister Jane Lomax-Smith says cyber-bullies do not respect school hours.

"Through new technologies, students can become victims of cyber bullying at any time of the day, night or week," Dr Lomax-Smith says.

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interactive revolution



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Cyberia



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2 types of human beings



Five world model (Carr-Gregg 2007)



Why the fifth world?



- "...Why does the Internet qualify as its own social context, rather than a subset of an existing one...because it is **qualitatively different** from the others and **is an important part of identity formation** for young people that is **not** being mediated by adults. It offers independence, playfulness, seriousness, a peer audience."

Source: Bradley, K. (2005). Internet lives: Social context and moral domain in adolescent development. *New Directions for Youth Development*, 2005(108), 57-76

Why the net?



- “... It is a place of **intense and unrestricted learning**. It has its own etiquette, system of rules, and morality, and it is in constant evolution. In a single generation, there has been a **paradigm shift**: adolescents inhabit a social context that their parents for the most part did not experience as teenagers. **It is a world that many parents still do not really understand**. And its ramifications are complex.” (p. 70)

Source: Bradley, K. (2005). Internet lives: Social context and moral domain in adolescent development. *New Directions for Youth Development*, 2005(108), 57-76

Important communication and information tool – not to be demonised



My 17 year old son




www.myspace.com/theroyalesband

Mirror.co.uk NEWS

Thousands of kids seek help over cyberbullying

By Mark Ellis 22/04/2009 a0 00

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<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/technology/2009/04/22/thousands-of-kids-look-for-help-over-cyberbullying-115875-21295822/>

What about schools?

- “...schools have a duty of care to protect their students from cyber bullying, whether or not it's conducted during school hours...Many school leaders are relying upon anti-bullying strategies of a previous generation.”

David Ford, Senior Partner

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Bullies who leave no bruises
 By Helen Signy
 Sydney Morning Herald October 25, 2007

3 great web sites for young people

<http://www.moodgym.anu.edu>

www.reachoutcentral.com.au

THE AUSTRALIAN

Cyber psychology helps save lives

Lynette Hoffman | April 25, 2009

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Article from: **THE AUSTRALIAN**

WHAT do you do when a friend is contemplating suicide? Doug didn't know.

So he did what millions of people worldwide do every day when seeking advice, answers and just about everything else. Doug turned to that universal source of information: Google.

He stumbled upon ReachOut.com.au, a youth targeted website providing support and information about mental illness.

Doug -- who asked that his last name not be published -- used the site to help his friend, who went on to receive counselling and treatment for depression and traumas.

Later, when Doug found himself battling low self-esteem and struggling to come terms with his sexuality, he found comfort in reading the stories of other young people on the site.

"At my lowest of lows I knew that not continuing wasn't an option," he says. "I knew I wasn't alone. It encouraged a positive outlook from the start."

Despite increasing public awareness and campaigns designed to diminish the stigma associated with mental illness, depression, anxiety and other mental health problems are not only widespread but also under-diagnosed and

Great sites on the web

<http://www.reachoutpro.com.au>

<http://www.moodgym.anu.edu.au>

<http://www.reachoutcentral.com.au>

<http://www.reachout.com.au>

<http://www.beyondblue.com.au>



Warning after teen 'sexting' suicide

March 9, 2009, 10:22 am

The mother of a high school student who hanged herself after nude photos were distributed around her school has warned other teens about the risks of texting raunchy photos to people.

Jesse Logan, 18, killed herself last year after being harassed for months by some students at her Cincinnati, Ohio school.

The students were sent nude photos of Jesse by her ex-boyfriend.

Her mother, Cynthia Logan, said her daughter started wagging school and would hide from people to avoid being teased.

In an interview with NBC, Ms Logan said Jesse was vivacious and fun.

"She was artistic, she was compassionate, she was a good kid," she said.

Just this year



Session Two

What do you know about internet and young people, schools and government attempts to control it?

So what do you really know about cyberspace - a spot quiz?

Question 1

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- b) 55%
- c) 75%
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BRITAIN
Children cyber savvy
LONDON. One in four children send their first email before they start school.
And 95 per cent of five-year-olds in homes with internet access have surfed the internet for their own entertainment.
A survey of 4000 parents for the Cartoon Network found one in five 10-year-olds could operate a web cam and only 2 per cent said they could not use a mobile phone. But many grandparents were unable to send emails or use mobile phones.

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www.kanderstegdeclaration.org/

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Conclusions

- Today, an estimated 200 million children and youth around the world are being abused by their peers.
- Every child and youth has the right to be respected and safe. Bullying is a violation of this basic human right.
- It is the moral responsibility of adults to ensure these rights are honored and that healthy development and citizenship are promoted. They adults must have more understanding and strategies to address bullying problems effectively.
- Bullying is a form of aggression, involving the abuse of power in relationships. It is recognized globally as a complex and serious problem. It has many faces, including the use of emerging technologies, and varies by age, gender, and culture.
- Children and youth involved in bullying suffer. Bullying and victimization problems begin early in life and for some last a lifetime.
- Many risk and protective factors associated with bullying are known and prevention programs are being implemented in several countries with encouraging results.
- The mental and physical health, social, and academic consequences of bullying have an enormous impact on human and social capital. The costs of bullying include poor education, health care, social services, and criminal justice costs, as well as work force productivity and innovation.
- Bullying concerns and affects us all.

Actions to be taken:

- Stop bullying now in all the places where children and youth live, work, and play.
- Start prevention efforts early and continue these through childhood and adolescence, targeting known risk and protective factors and promoting healthy relationships.
- Educate and empower all adults involved with children and youth to promote healthy relationships and prevent bullying.
- Use policy and prevention programs, based on scientific research, that are appropriate for age, gender, and culture, and that involve families, peers, schools, and communities.
- Provide ongoing assessment and monitoring necessary to evaluate the success of policy and programs and to guarantee the rights of children and youth.

Email to register support:
august.flammer@psy.unibe.ch

Further **individuals** are invited to show their support for this Declaration by becoming a personal signatory and sending their Name, Affiliation, Country, and e-mail address to [August Flammer](mailto:August.Flammer).

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Free Government filters...

www.netalert.net.au



www.netalert.gov.au/forms/process-download.php

Internet content filters (required)	Compatible Operating Systems					Choose Filter
	Windows 98	Windows 2000	Windows XP	Microsoft Vista	Apple Mac	
Integard v1.04	✓ (SE only)	✓	✓	✓	✗	<input type="radio"/>
Optenet Web Filter PC 9.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	<input type="radio"/>
Safe Eyes (PC version)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	<input type="radio"/>
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<http://www1.k9webprotection.com/>



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Father's plea to monitor internet



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- d) 11,600,000

New! View and manage your web history
Results 1 - 10 of about 11,600,000 for [how to kill yourself](#). (0.17 seconds)



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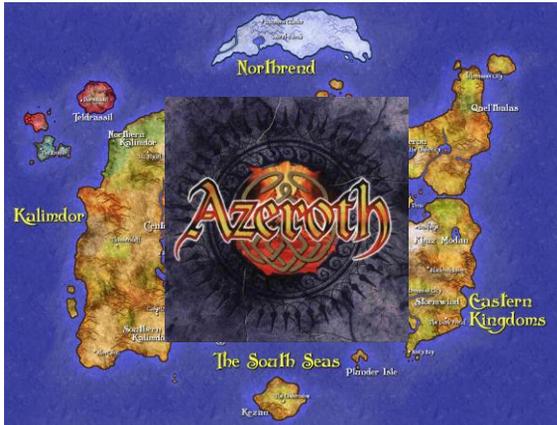


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World of Warcraft, takes place within the Warcraft world of,

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- b) Aztonhenge
- c) Aztec
- d) Azeroth

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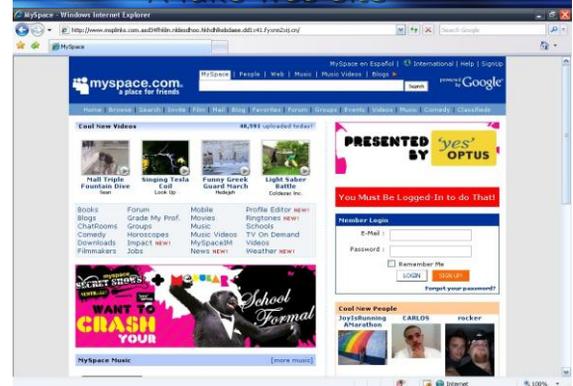


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A fake web site



Real Myspace web site



Compare Fake Real



How this works...



- This website stores the login details...
- On this one website, there is over 70,000 usernames and passwords of users - giving anyone full, explicit access to their accounts!!!



Question 11

As of September 7, 2007, MySpace has over 200 million accounts. The site reportedly attracts how many new registrations per day?



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- c) 230,000
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What's moderated and what's not?

- "...Most websites have their own, certain standards. Mainstream ones such as MySpace, YouTube etc. all have pretty proper ones that we would have in society. But then we have VampireFreaks - MyDeathSpace - and probably another hundred billion at the moment that wouldn't. **Some imageboards have absolutely macabre humor - pictures of mutilated bodies - the depiction of disabled people as humorous.** Nothing is protected - the standards really go down to nothing, none, nil. **The creators of this land (Cyberia) are the users - and the users control it."**



<http://thewoodverdict.blogspot.com/>



Question 13

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Source: Age November 23rd 2005



Question 14

Who is this girl and why are these pictures now famous?



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Answer 14

Francesca Wells - Barker College school girl who posted these pics online and went all around the world and got her suspended



Question 15

Tom Wood recently surveyed his 5 best mates and asked them how many 'friends' they had on their MySpace profile what was the average across his 5 best mates?.



- a) 13
- b) 113
- c) 213
- d) 413

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What's your total?

You've been 'slurped'




What are the latest developments in cyberspace?

Every day, all over the world there are reports of internet abuse

Great Britain 

Cyberbullying 'affects 1 in 10 teachers'
the guardian
 Anthea Lipsett
 The Guardian, Saturday 4 April 2009
 Article history

More than one in 10 teachers are bullied by pupils and colleagues through text messages, emails and social networking sites, new research shows.

Schools are increasingly expected to teach pupils about new technologies - but the findings suggest students are using their skills to hound staff.

A former music teacher in the south-west of England said: "I nasty text messages full of abuse may be little things in themselves but, after time, they mean I couldn't face going into school."

Of those who had suffered cyberbullying personally, 63% had received unwelcome emails, 26% had offensive messages posted about them on social networking sites such as Facebook or Rate My Teacher, and 28% were sent unwelcome text messages, according to the survey by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers and the Teacher Support Network.

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Saturday 4th April 2009

Mirror.co.uk NEWS 

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 By Mark Ellis 22/04/2009

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22nd April Daily Mirror 2009



Wife murdered over 'single' Facebook status

January 25, 2009 - 10:23AM

A British man who murdered his wife after becoming enraged when she changed her relationship status on Facebook to "single" has been jailed for at least 18 years.

Edward Richardson, 41, stabbed wife Sarah, 26, to death in a "frenzied and brutal" attack at her parents' home in Biddulph, central England, last May after she altered her profile on the Internet social networking site.

The couple had been living apart since the previous month, said Fiona Corfene, a spokeswoman for the Crown Prosecution Service, which is responsible for prosecuting cases in England and Wales.



Teens flaunting sex and drugs on MySpace

January 6, 2009

More than half of teenagers mention risky behaviors such as sex and drugs on their MySpace accounts, US researchers said on Monday.

They said many young people who use social networking sites such as News Corp's MySpace do not realize how public they are and may be opening themselves to risks, but the sites may also offer a new way to identify and help troubled teens.

"We found the majority of teenagers who have a MySpace account are displaying risky behaviors in a public way that is accessible to a general audience," said Dr. Dimitri Christakis of Seattle Children's Research Institute, whose studies appear in the journal Archives of Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine.

In one of two studies, Christakis and Dr. Megan Morawa of the University of Wisconsin analyzed 500 randomly chosen MySpace profiles of 18-year-olds in 2007.

Overall, 54 percent of the publicly available accounts they checked contained information about high-risk behaviors. 41 percent mentioned substance abuse, 24 percent sexual behavior and 14 percent violence.

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6th January 2009



Almost 1 in 10 Young Video Game Users 'Addicted'

By FRANK RICHARDSON EDIT

Forbes

Study finds pathological behavior can cause children real problems

MONDAY, April 20 (HealthDay News) — A sizable number of young video game players — fully 8.5 percent — exhibit signs of addiction to gaming, a new study has found.

These kids aren't just playing a lot. Their gaming interferes with school performance, disrupts interaction with family and friends and poses health problems, the study reveals.

Douglas A. Gentile, a developmental psychologist and an assistant professor at Iowa State University in Ames, said the study is the first to document the prevalence of video game addiction using a nationally representative sample of children and adolescents.

"What's most concerning to me is really the total percentage, just the vast number of kids that are having real problems in their lives because they play games, and they may not know how to stop it," said Gentile, whose study appears in the May edition of Psychological Science.

Experts don't agree on whether such a thing as "video game addiction" really exists. At present, it is not listed as a mental disorder in the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The next update of that manual, which describes criteria for diagnosing various psychiatric disorders, is due out in 2012.

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- Poses health risks

19th April 2009



Teen sends 14,528 text messages in one month

January 13, 2009 - 8:41AM

An American teenager sent almost 500 text messages a day last month, leaving her father with a phone bill of 440 pages.

Reina Hardesty, 13, sent 14,528 text messages in December - about 470 text messages a day, at an average of a message every two minutes if she was awake for 15 hours each day, the New York Post said.

Her father, Greg, said he was shocked to receive a 440 page phone bill last month.

"First, I laughed. I thought: That's insane, that's impossible," Mr Hardesty told the Post.

13th January 2009



Sydney, Australia

Schoolboys' sex acts with girl, 13, filmed and sent to mates

Harold Alexander
January 29, 2009 - 2:55PM

A 13-year-old girl who was violated by seven teenage boys - some of them dressed in school uniforms - was told to "smile like you're enjoying it" as they took turns with her in a public toilet cubicle, a court heard today.

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smh.com.au
The Sydney Morning Herald



Sydney, Australia

Sydney schoolgirl, 13, in sexting investigation after sending nude photo of herself to boyfriend

By Sharon Lamb | The Sunday Telegraph | April 05, 2009 12:51pm

- Girl, 13, sent nude picture of herself
- Used mobile phone to send to boyfriend
- Could have faced child pornography charges

A 13-YEAR-old Sydney schoolgirl who sent a nude photo of herself to her teenage boyfriend was investigated by police in one of the first Australian cases of illegal "sexting".

The incident, involving a Year 8 student at Bingham College, Randwick, was reported by the principal to police and to the Department of Community Services last week.

The girl and boy are understood to have been dating when the image was sent a fortnight ago, but have since broken up, The Sunday Telegraph reports.

"Sexting", where explicit images are sent from mobile to mobile - is a growing trend here and in the US, where two girls were accused of peddling child pornography last month after sending semi-nude photos of themselves.



Explicit image - the nude photo of the teenager girl was seen by dozens of students' file

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Parent Alert
January 29, 2009 - 2:50PM

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Expert's cyber warning to students

22/04/2009 11:14:00 PM

The Courier

INAPPROPRIATE material on social networking sites could stop you getting a job, students at Damascus College were told yesterday.

Senior government cybersafety trainer Greg Gebhart said employers regularly checked Facebook and MySpace listings and excluded candidates with improper material.

This could include flirtatious photographs, swearing, or descriptions of excessive partying.

"Drunken party talk, talk about drug use, false information, bad language, inappropriate language, employers say they will not consider candidates with this sort of information on their site," Mr Gebhart said yesterday.

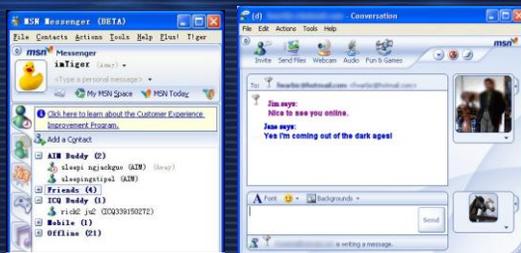
"Or even if your friends or other people put comments on your MySpace site, and you leave it there and don't delete it, employers can say 'sorry, we're not interested in looking at you as a candidate.'"

6 Most Popular activities for Australian teens?

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Teen sends 14,528 text messages in one month

January 13, 2009 - 8:41AM

An American teenager sent almost 500 text messages a day last month, leaving her father with a phone bill of \$40 pages.

Reina Hardesty, 13, sent 14,528 text messages in December - about 470 text messages a day, at an average of a message every two minutes if she was awake for 15 hours each day, the *New York Post* said.

Her father, Greg, said he was shocked to receive a 442 page phone bill last month.

"First, I laughed. I thought 'That's insane, that's impossible,'" Mr Hardesty told the *Post*.

"And I immediately whipped out the calculator to see if it was humanly possible.

"Then I thought maybe AT&T made some mistake on the bill."

He asked his daughter, "Who are you texting, anyway? Your entire school?"

Reina said she messaged a core group of "four obsessive texters" - all girls between the ages of 12 and 13.

"Well, a lot of my friends have unlimited texting. I just text them pretty much all the time," she said.

At a karaoke birthday party, Reina texted her best friend, who was sitting right next to her while others were singing, the *Post* said.



Mobile Phone



Age range	% who own a mobile phone
8-11 years	18%
12-14 years	75%
Over 15	90%

Source: Australian Communications and Media Authority April 2009

Popularity of Iphone applications



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The one billionth app, *Bump*, created by Bump Technologies, was downloaded by Connor Malachuk, age 13, of Weston, CT. As the grand prize winner of Apple's one billion app countdown contest, Connor will receive a \$10,000 iTunes gift card, an iPad touch, a Time Capsule and a MacBook Pro.

AUSTRALIAN IT April 17th 2008

Mobile web 'commonplace' within a year

Lara Sinclair | April 17, 2008 Font Size: [A] [A] [A] Print Page: [P]

RESEARCH tracking Australians' propensity to use their mobile phones to access the internet indicates use of the mobile internet will be commonplace within a year.

The research, which is conducted annually by the University of Adelaide and mobile phone company m.Net as part of an international study, has found the proportion of people who have accessed a website on their phone has doubled to 40 per cent in the past 12 months.

Sixty per cent of people nominated improved mobile services and the reducing cost of accessing mobile internet content as a reason to change carriers, according to m.Net director of research Marisa Maio Mackay.

"Twelve to 18 months ago, it wasn't an influencing factor," Dr Maio Mackay said. "People were more concerned with the usability of the handset."

"For the first time we're starting to see the use of mobile data (or non-voice) services has reached a critical mass."

"MDS will take off in the next six to 12 months," she said.

6 Most Popular activities for Australian teens?

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3. Social networking sites eg; MySpace

Growth of social networking



NOW & THEN

Now The number of people worldwide who have a Facebook profile 200 million

Then in 2004, it was about 1 million

Social Networking – MYSPACE - FACEBOOK



Wife murdered over 'single' Facebook status

January 25, 2009 - 10:28AM

A British man who murdered his wife after becoming enraged when she changed her relationship status on Facebook to "single" has been jailed for at least 18 years.

Edward Richardson, 41, stabbed wife Sarah, 26, to death in a "frenzied and brutal" attack at her parents' home in Biddulph, central England, last May after she altered her profile on the Internet social networking site.

The couple had been living apart since the previous month, said Fiona Conese, a spokeswoman for the Crown Prosecution Service, which is responsible for prosecuting cases in England and Wales.

Teens flaunting sex and drugs on MySpace

January 6, 2009

More than half of teenagers mention risky behaviors such as sex and drugs on their MySpace accounts, US researchers said on Monday.

They said many young people who use social networking sites such as News Corp's MySpace do not realize how public they are and may be opening themselves to risks, but the sites may also offer a new way to identify and help troubled teens.

"We found the majority of teenagers who have a MySpace account are displaying risky behaviors in a public way that is accessible to a general audience," said Dr. Dimitri Christakis of Seattle Children's Research Institute, whose studies appear in the journal Archives of Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine.

In one of two studies, Christakis and Dr. Megan Moreno of the University of Wisconsin analysed 500 randomly chosen MySpace profiles of 18-year-olds in 2007.

Overall, 54 percent of the publicly available accounts they checked contained information about high-risk behaviors, 41 percent mentioned substance abuse, 24 percent sexual behavior and 14 percent violence.



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4. Downloading music movies, games etc via Peer to Peer sites eg limewire

Downloading Music/Videos



limewire

Denver DA Probes LimeWire Thefts

Peer-to-Peer Software Enables Identity Theft, Cops Claim

By Martin H. Bosworth
ConsumerAffairs.com

The Washington Post

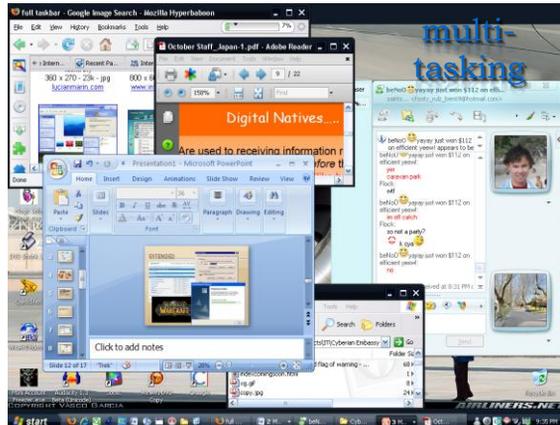
October 30, 2006

Denver authorities are warning consumers of an alleged identity theft scam involving the use of **LimeWire**, a popular peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing program that lets users send music, videos, and documents to each other over the Web.

Identity Theft



And they do it all at once...



The nature of Cyberia

- Mostly lawless... Free... no boundaries
- Rapidly and wildly evolving

Lost in cyberspace: Fears that new networks are breeding grounds for real-life tragedies

The internet is where marginalised young people at the risk of suicide, are able to come into contact. I think we have a real problem.

Snr Constable Susan McLean
Cyber cop starts internet beat as bullies run rampant

By BRIDIE SMITH

VICTORIA'S first "cyber cop" reported for duty yesterday as part of a pilot program designed to tackle the soaring problem of cyber bullying.

Seconded from Victoria Police, Senior Constable Susan McLean will be at the forefront of a virtual battle that has spiralled out of control as technology has become more accessible and affordable for young people.

"Cyber bullying, harassment and online safety is the number one issue compromising the safety of kids in schools at the moment," she said. "There is nothing surprising this."

At the state's first cyber safety respect officers, Senior Constable McLean's beat includes educating students and teachers in urban and regional schools as well as parents, who she describes as "a vital cog" in the fight to control the newest frontier in childhood bullying.

Senior Constable McLean said a lack of Australian research meant authorities had little idea how prevalent the problem was.

although some education authorities suggest cyber bullying accounts for almost 90 per cent of all school abuse. She said identifying the scale of the problem and educating students, parents and teachers were priorities during her three-month assignment.

"Not a week goes by where I don't get a report of a girl naked or semi-naked or having sex posted on the internet," Senior Constable McLean said. "One a week goes by where I don't get a report of a girl naked or semi-naked or having sex being posted on the internet. It is common."

"Kids send their boyfriend photos of themselves... and then they get dumped and even boy within the year 12 group had a copy," she said. "They don't understand that their words of images intended for a small audience can find an audience of millions."

Senior Constable McLean has spent 17 of her 25 years in the police force working with youth. She said her first report of cyber bullying in 1994 was the only one.

"There was nothing to report until 26 ago, which was when it became obvious that there was a problem with the internet and how kids were using the internet," she said. "Since then there has been an explosion of issues."

In the past two years, however, reports have intensified, often from mouth-to-ear word by

Teens' sex act filmed

Shannon McRae

DEFECTIVES are interesting two boys at a private school after a teenage girl was filmed having sex in a shower.

The 15-year-old girl was distraught to discover her teenage boyfriend secretly arranged for a friend to film them through a bathroom window. The girl was unaware the act was being filmed.

The footage was sent to other teens via the internet and mobile phones.

It was also posted on the myspace site but had been removed yesterday. The boys involved are believed to be pupils at an elite Melbourne school.

Police have interviewed two teenagers over the incident. A police spokeswoman refused to comment, saying all parties were legally charged.

Gang rape recorded on mobile

James Maden

FOUR teenagers allegedly laughed and cheered each other as they filmed the act in the girls' toilet at a school in the north-western suburbs of Melbourne.

Police officers were alerted to the alleged mobile phone recording by a student. Children's Court yesterday afternoon said today after the 15-year-old boy and an 18-year-old were charged with the girl's rape.

Police claim that on August 6 one of the accused boys invited the girl to the toilet, and filmed her while she had sex with three boys, and saved their own mobile phone video recording onto a USB drive and left.

The 15-year-old boy and the 18-year-old boy were charged with the girl's rape. The 18-year-old boy was charged with the girl's rape.

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Australian 4th April 2007

Herald Sun 22nd March 2007



The dangers

- a 17-year-old girl being bullied, assaulted and humiliated by a gang of 12 youths near the edge of the Werribee River

Session Three

AUSTRALIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

What are the components of a great cybersafety policy for a boarding school?

List as many obstacles as you can to the successful implementation of a cybersafety policy in your boarding school

Why school policies do not work

- No student involvement in drafting of policy
- No curriculum back-up
- No staff PD
- No leadership

So what can schools do?

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Integrated cybersafety curriculum



Policy

Sample Sun Protection Policy for Primary Schools



Schools are welcome to copy this SunSmart sun protection policy directly and use it as their own or incorporate all of the main points into their own sun protection policy.

<NAME SCHOOL>'S SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Rationale

Too much ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun can cause sunburn, skin damage, eye damage and skin cancer.

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world, with two in three Australians developing some form of skin cancer during their lifetime. Overexposure to the sun during childhood and adolescence is known to be a major cause of skin cancer.

Our sun protection policy is followed from the beginning of September until the end of April and whenever the UV Index level reaches 3 and above*.



Our sun protection strategies

All children and staff use a combination of sun protection measures whenever the UV Index reaches 3 and above* to ensure they are well protected from the sun. Particular care is taken between 10 am and 2 pm (11 am and 3 pm daylight saving time) when UV Index levels reach their peak during the day.

Our SunSmart policy is considered when planning all outdoor events e.g. assemblies, camps, excursions and sporting events. Where possible, we have outdoor activities or events earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon, or we try using indoor venues.

1. Shade

- The school council makes sure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds particularly in areas where students congregate e.g. lunch, canteen, outdoor lesson areas and popular play areas.
- In consultation with the school council, shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds.
- The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and all outdoor activities.
- Children are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- Children who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.



2. Clothing

- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is made of close weave fabric and includes shirts with collars and longer sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

3. Hats

- Children are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside.

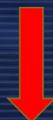
(Please note: Baseball caps do not offer enough protection and are therefore not recommended.)

4. Sunglasses [SUGGESTED]

- Children and staff are encouraged to wear close fitting, wrap around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

5. Sunscreen

- SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen is available for staff and children's use. Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if outdoors.
- Staff remind children to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.



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- Policies
- Practices
- Curriculum
- Parent education
- Staff professional development



So what about the parents?



Great Book - Destroying Avalon Kate McCaffrey



- 1st novel on cyber bullying
- offers insights into the cyber bullying world detailing:
 - Blogging
 - Cyber stalking
 - Masquerading
 - Text messages
- wider issues of peer pressure, and politics in high schools.
- Parents can learn about this culture through this book

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Create a
CYBERSAFETY
POLICY

CREATING A CYBERSAFETY POLICY FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Cybersafety is part of the board of trustees' responsibility under [National Administration Guideline 5](#).

Schools can adapt NetSafe's school [cybersafety policy template](#) to best suit their needs. Schools may elect to develop the policy further to safely manage the use of specific equipment or learning environments.

NetSafe consulted widely on the development of the school cybersafety policy template. Contact NetSafe on 0508 NETSAFE (638 723) or seek legal advice if your school is considering modifying the template significantly.

It is necessary to [review and update](#) this policy regularly because of changing circumstances, including use of communication technologies across the school, technological advances, curriculum



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Step 1

Establish a
CYBERSAFETY TEAM



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



Step 6



Step 7



Step 8

Present Policy &
Use Agreement to
PARENTS & STUDENTS

Step 9

Staff SIGN
Use Agreements

Step 10

Students & Parents
SIGN Use Agreements

Step 11

NetSafe TRAINING
for Specialist roles

Step 12

Integrate CYBERSAFETY
into the
CURRICULUM

Step 13

Explain Use Agreements to
NEW STUDENTS & PARENTS
have them SIGNED

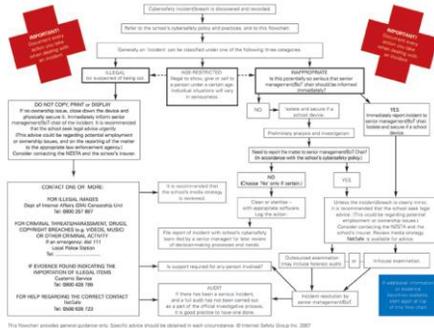
Step 14



Step 15



NetSafe® School Incident Response Flowchart



Cybersafety incident discovered and recorded

Refer to schools cybersafety policy and practices

Classify the incident

illegal

Age restricted

inappropriate

illegal

Age restricted

inappropriate

- Breaks state or commonwealth laws or is suspected of doing so...

illegal

Age restricted

inappropriate

- Illegal to show, give or sell to a person under a certain age. Individual situations will vary in seriousness

illegal Age restricted inappropriate

- Is this potentially so serious that senior management should be informed immediately?

Do Not Copy, Print or Display
If no ownership issue, close down the device and physically secure it; Immediately inform senior management of the incident. It is recommended that the school seek legal advice urgently

Who to contact?

Australian Government
Australian Communications and Media Authority

How to complain to ACMA

- **Email:** online@acma.gov.au
- **Post:** The Content Assessment Hotline Manager, Australian Communications and Media Authority, GPO Box Q500 Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230
- **Fax:** (02) 9334 7799

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