

Digital Thumbprint

Student Top Tips: Cyber Security

Cyber security is really important. These top tips will help you to keep your online information safe.

Choose strong passwords. ✓

- Use a memorable, but obscure passphrase for your password, i.e. "diversity labyrinth sighed soprano almost died."
- Remove any personal information from your password (i.e.: names, birthdays, etc.) that can be found out through social media or other means.
- Avoid popular culture phrases (i.e. music, movies, TV shows, etc.) as inspiration for your password.
- The website howsecureismypassword.net can give you a rough guide as to how strong your password is.

Use different passwords for different sites. ✓

- A good solution is a password manager, but they all have different benefits and risks.

When posting, think about whether you would be comfortable if your parents or grandparents saw it. ✓

Be careful of social media friend requests from people you don't know and always confirm it's really the person you think it is. ✓

Respect other people's right to digital privacy. ✓

Don't tell anyone your passwords. ✓

Report cyberbullying at: ✓

- esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/i-want-to-report-cyberbullying

Make sure your account settings are set to private for information you don't want to share with others. ✓

- See esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking for more information on how to do this for many popular sites and applications.

Make sure your phone is secure, i.e. activate PIN security, fingerprint passwords, etc. ✓

Always be aware of your environment and be careful about the security of your phone and entering passwords where other people can see you. ✓

If you're uncertain about something you've received (a message, a photo, a friend request, etc.) ask a parent, teacher or friend for advice. ✓

Use 2FA (two-factor authentication) wherever possible. 2FA can mean SMS messages to your phone, installing a special application or a fingerprint scan. ✓

If you need more help or information contact: ✓

Kids Helpline

call **1800 55 1800**
visit kidshelpline.com.au



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Anytime | Any Reason

or

Office of the eSafety Commissioner

visit esafety.gov.au



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