

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL WATCH PROGRAM?

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### WHAT IS THE SCHOOL WATCH PROGRAM?

Everybody would have at one time or another heard through the media that schools are vandalised or, in some rare cases, the victim of arson.

We are sure that most people take pride in their local schools - along with the students and staff of those schools.

It is important that everybody plays a role in looking after their school.

The most vulnerable times when schools are attacked is during the dark hours, weekends, or holidays. These are the times when we can all play a part.



Should you hear a disturbance, or see unknown people acting suspiciously on school grounds, we urge that you report what you see or hear immediately.

You can contact local Police via the **Police Assistance Line** on **131 444**, **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000**, or if what you are witnessing requires immediate emergency attention in the case of a potentially life threatening situation, call **Triple Zero 000**.

So please, when driving or walking past your local school, keep your eyes and ears open for any unusual behaviour.

## LOOK - LISTEN - REPORT



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### **SOCIAL NETWORKING**



Chat and social networking are great ways to stay in touch and find new friends. However, there are some risks meeting people online - *especially if you don't know them in real life*.

When you share things online you may be sharing with people you do not know or trust. Once a message, photo or video has been shared, you also won't be able to control where it goes.

#### What do I need to know about safe social networking?

- **Limit** your friend list: don't 'friend' random people.
- **Protect your privacy**: don't share your password and set your profile to private.
- Your personal details are valuable: don't share them.
- Protect your reputation: keep it clean and ask yourself, would you want others to see what you upload?
- **Be careful** who you trust: a person can pretend to be someone they are not.
- **Don't** use a webcam with people you do not know.
- Think before you post, chat, upload or download.



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### **TIPS** FOR KIDS & TEENS



- Be careful when adding a new 'friend' to online or email contact lists. Making new friends can be fun, but there's a chance that they may not be who they say they are.
- Think before you post information online once posted it can be difficult to remove.
- Never share your passwords and always set your profile to 'private' if possible so your personal information is kept secret or restricted.
- Check with your parents before you give anyone on the internet any of your personal details.
- Don't respond if someone send you unkind or offensive messages or asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Instead, tell your parents or another adults you can trust.
- If you want to meet someone you only know online, ask your parents or another trusted adult to go with you and always meet in a public place.
- **Don't open messages** from people you don't know. These could contain viruses or other malicious files that can infect your computer or device.
- **Tell your parents** if you are upset or worried by language, pictures or videos on the internet.
- Don't accept any offers that seem too good to be true they probably are.
- If you need help, contact the CyberSmart Online Helpline or the CyberSmart website (www.cybersmart.gov.au) or call Kids Helpline direct on 1800 55 1800
- If there is a threat to your safety the police will help. In a life threatening and time critical situation, call Triple Zero (000).



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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