



NEED TO KNOW

Social media safety

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Share new fact sheets with your school community to support students' safe use of social media

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We have developed new fact sheets to help students have positive and safe online experiences.

We know social media is an important tool to help students stay connected, communicate and express themselves.

The fact sheets for secondary students, and parents and carers of primary and secondary students, provide information about online safety and advice about what to do if anything goes wrong.

The [fact sheets](#) are available in 19 languages. They are:

- [Student fact sheet \(secondary\)](#): how secondary students can have a healthy relationship with social media, recognise online exploitation and what to do if something goes wrong online.
- [Parent fact sheet \(primary\)](#): helps parents and carers prepare their child to be safe on social media even if they don't use it yet, by building good online habits.
- [Parent fact sheet \(secondary\)](#): helps parents and carers support their child to be safe online, recognise signs they need help and know what to do if they have an unsafe online experience.

We encourage you to use this [template content](#) to help you share this information with your school community, which includes a survey link for parents, students and school staff to have their say.

Other online safety supports for schools

We recently updated the [Digital Technologies – Responsible Use](#) and [Digital Learning](#) policies to support students' safe, intentional and responsible use of digital technology. You can read more about the updates in the [3 September 2024 edition of School Update](#).

A comprehensive list of supports is available in the [Resources tab](#) of the Digital Technologies – Responsible Use policy.

You can also access [social media tiles](#) for parents and carers of primary school students and parents and carers of secondary school students, which includes links to the new fact sheets, and social media tiles for secondary school students.

Policy, guidance and resources

Our [Policy and Advisory Library](#) includes all related policy information, guidance and resources under the relevant menu tabs:

- [Digital Learning](#)
- [Digital Technologies – Responsible Use.](#)

Find out more

For more information, contact the Digital Learning Policy and Practice unit by email: digital.learning@education.vic.gov.au