Pittwater House

Keeping Our School Safe Online: How We're Proactively Addressing Cybersecurity

In today's digital world, keeping our students, staff, and school community safe online is more important than ever. At Pittwater House, we're taking proactive steps to ensure our digital systems and learning platforms remain secure and protected from cyber threats.

Why Cybersecurity Matters

From learning apps to communication tools, technology plays a big role in our day-to-day school life. With this increased use of technology comes the responsibility to protect personal information and ensure safe online experiences for everyone—especially our students.

What We're Doing

Here are some of the key ways we're strengthening our cybersecurity:

- **Digital hygiene and cyber safety**: Age-appropriate information sessions run to empower students to make wise choices when interacting with technology at school and at home.

- **Security Awareness Training**: This term Staff will begin learning how to spot suspicious emails, use strong passwords, and stay safe online.

- **Regular System Updates**: We keep all our systems up to date with the latest security patches and software upgrades.

- **Strong Network Protection**: Our school's internet and Wi-Fi are protected by firewalls, filtering systems, and monitoring. We have partnered with recognised industry leaders who monitor our environment 24/7.

- **Secure Access to School Accounts**: We use multi-factor authentication (MFA) for staff accounts and strong password policies for everyone to help prevent unauthorised access.

- **Incident Response Planning**: We have a Cyber Incident Response Plan in place to act quickly and effectively if a cyber event occurs, ensuring minimal disruption and clear communication.

What Families Can Do

Cyber safety is a shared responsibility! Here are a few things you can do at home:

- Talk to your child about safe online habits.
- Keep apps and devices updated.
- Use strong passwords and consider parental controls.

Our Commitment

We're committed to providing a safe, secure digital environment for our school community. Cybersecurity is an ongoing effort, and we'll continue to review and improve our practices as technology evolves.

Together, we can build a stronger, safer digital school community.