

CYBERSAFETY

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Lesson: Digital Literacy



Lesson Background



The lesson presents itself as a good precursor to exploring Cyber Safety with your class for the first time, by surveying the students' current understandings of Cyber Safety and the behaviours they currently display online and in social media circumstances. This is a simple lesson that explores where the students are currently at, in terms of their understanding of how to be Cyber Safe and appropriately use social media, and can serve as a platform as to what teaching areas you need to focus on with your students.

Curriculum Links



HEALTH: Personal, Social & Community Health

- Yr 5/6 - Plan and practise strategies to promote health, safety and wellbeing (ACPPS054);
- Yr 7/8 - Develop skills to evaluate health information and express health concerns (ACPPS076);

Preparation Materials



- ✓ KWL Chart [\[DOWNLOAD\]](#)
- ✓ Digital Literacy Questionnaire [\[DOWNLOAD\]](#)

Student Activity



- 1) Begin the lesson with a quick survey of the students on the subject of social media:
 - a. Ask students how many of them use social media online (any form of interaction with other people, be it Facebook, email, MSN, etc.)
 - b. Ask students how many of them own a mobile phone
 - c. Ask them how many of them interact with other people via text, and other forms of chat.
- 2) Ask the students what they know about the idea of being 'CYBER SAFE' or 'CYBER SMART'.
- 3) Present the students with the KWL Chart (KNOW, WANT TO KNOW, LEARNED). Have the children fill out the KNOW and WANT TO KNOW sections of the chart. (Collect this, and hand back at the end of the module)
- 4) Present the students with the DIGITAL LITERACY QUESTIONNAIRE. Go through each question with them one by one. Tell them to answer the questions honestly.
- 5) Once they have completed the questionnaire, ask the class who answered ALWAYS to every single question. If anyone did not, they may not be Cyber Safe.
- 6) Complete the lesson by discussing and teaching why each of the behaviours mentioned in the survey are very important to managing Cyber Safety and protecting your personal identity.

Extension Activity



- At the end of your program on Cyber Safety, revisit the students KWL Charts and have them complete the LEARNED part of the table, revealing what they now know as a result of the program.
- A good MATHS lesson could be added prior to this lesson to survey the students and have them collect data on exactly what forms of social media the class is using. The information can then be collected by the teacher, again allowing you to better assess what are the particular needs of your own classroom, and what areas you will need to focus on for your students.