



BRACKEN RIDGE
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Cybersafety and Social Networking

Being cybersafe and practicing good cyber citizenship primarily involves acquiring the knowledge of proper behavior in the online environment. While technical solutions contribute to ensuring safety and security, maintaining cybersafety in schools relies on individuals acting responsibly.

The advent of social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, AskFM, TikTok, and Snapchat has revolutionized communication. It's crucial to oversee your student's conduct on these platforms and ensure their usage aligns with appropriate standards. Students must also be cybersmart, exercising caution before posting content online, as anything posted leaves a lasting 'digital footprint' that never disappears. All internet users bear the responsibility of considering the consequences to avoid violating social, religious, cultural, or copyright standards.

If the school administration becomes aware of inappropriate content involving staff, students, or unauthorized use of school-related material (such as the school uniform or images), reasonable measures will be taken to remove the content, and consequences may be applied if necessary. Our school is dedicated to fostering a safe and supportive learning environment, and students engaging in the posting of inappropriate material online may face disciplinary actions in accordance with our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

Bracken Ridge implements a structured program addressing safe and appropriate online behaviors through our Strive to Accomplish (STA) program, which is delivered to all students across various year levels. We value the collaboration between home and school and appreciate your support in monitoring your student's internet activity while reinforcing this message at home.

Below, you'll find some useful interactive resources for students to educate and reinforce appropriate online choices for teenagers.



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We strongly encourage parents and caregivers to engage with these resources alongside their students. The informative and interactive materials provided below are specifically designed for parents and caregivers. They are intended to assist families in recognizing appropriate online behavior and guide them in taking proactive steps to help teenagers mitigate potential risks associated with the internet and social media platforms

- [eSafety](#) (External Site)
- [Webinars for parents and carers](#) (External Site)
- [Alannah & Madeline Foundation](#) (External Site)
- [Kids Help Line](#) (External Site)
- [Australian Federal Police](#)

If you have any questions regarding anything mentioned above, or on Cybersafety in general, please do not hesitate to contact the school on (07) 38697 2222

Further information may also be found on the Department of Education's [website External link](#).