



Internet Safety Sites

Over the past few weeks all classes have been looking at online safety. Here are some tips on keeping your child safe online at home.

1. Make sure the home computer is in a shared family room where usage can be easily monitored, not tucked away in a bedroom or in a study.
2. Learn to use the same technology as your kids, otherwise there's no way you will be able to keep tabs on what they are doing online.
3. Warn kids never to divulge personal information such as birthdays, mobile phone numbers or email addresses to strangers online.
4. The 'Stranger Danger' rule applies online too, that means meeting internet pals is forbidden.
5. Discourage kids from accepting emails and IM messages or opening files, pictures or texts from suspect sources. They may contain viruses or inappropriate material.
6. Internet filters are a useful way to block inappropriate sites being accessed.
7. Teach kids to bookmark favourite sites and to use search engines such as Google carefully with precise terms and correct spellings.
8. The internet can be accessed from many devices including mobiles, so make sure kids phones are registered as such with the provider and filters are in place.
9. The internet is an amazing resource with many more pros than cons. Chat to kids about it in a positive way and encourage them to be smart online rather than giving them a list of dos and don'ts.
10. Around 22% of kids in Australia have experienced cyber bullying. Ask yours to tell you if someone makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

Below are some of the sites we have been visiting. These can be accessed from the Pearcedale Primary School website, on the ICT Lab page.

