

Here's an opportunity for your school to lead the way in cybersafety.

We invite you to apply to be a part of the pilot for The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's exciting new cybersafety and wellbeing initiative – starting now!

Cyberbullying is increasingly becoming a concern to young people in our schools.

It disrupts learning, contributes to a culture of negative relationships, breeds fear and disrespect and places our young people at risk of developing mental health problems and anti-social values.

Meanwhile, other forms of unsafe or aggressive behaviour using technology, including sexting, uploading and downloading inappropriate content and taking unprotected identity risks, are also endangering our students.

These disturbing trends have let The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to join with RMIT University to develop the cybersafety and wellbeing initiative.

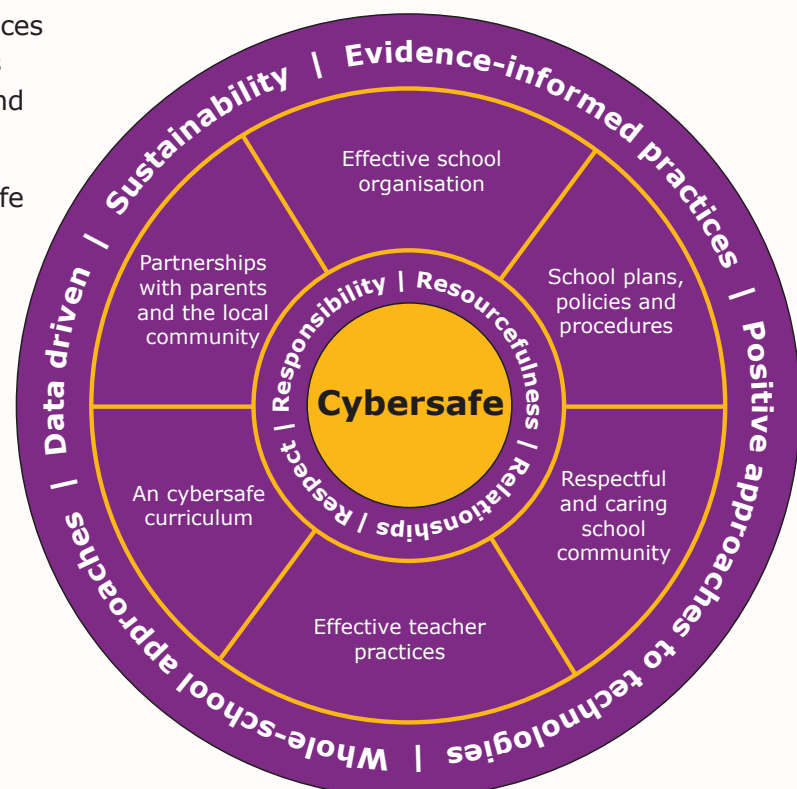
What is it?

We have developed a framework which helps school communities develop policies and practices that encourage students, teachers and parents to use 21st century technologies more safely and more effectively.

Your school can be acknowledged as a cybersafe school by demonstrating that practices, procedures and curriculum which foster student cybersafety and wellbeing are in place. Indeed, your school may well be ready for formal acknowledgment when you apply. If, however, your school needs further support to qualify, we will assist by:

- highlighting those criteria that your school is already addressing;
- identifying gaps that need to be filled; and
- directing you to high quality resources to help fill those gaps.

The diagram shown here, sums up the focus of the initiative.



Your school can now have a structured way to generate whole-school change around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

The cybersafety and wellbeing initiative:

- integrates cybersafety with schools' current knowledge and practices about wellbeing (including policies such as the National Safe Schools Framework);
- assists schools to develop more effective curriculum around cybersafety and wellbeing and the smart use of technologies;
- helps to upskill teachers; and
- supports schools to work effectively with parents and the general community helping to keep our young people safe and to become effective citizens.

Participating in the pilot

Schools that successfully apply to participate in the upcoming pilot for this initiative will receive these benefits:

- the fee for applying for enrolment will be waived;
- support will be available to unpack the Framework; and
- a grant will be given to your school, which will provide for teacher relief costs.

A small commitment

As part of the pilot your school will be asked to commit to the following:

- Your school representative's agreement to work through an evaluation checklist to help The Alannah and Madeline Foundation test and evaluate the initiative between October 2009 and April 2010.
- Your representative's participation in working on the Framework for the duration of the pilot (with support from the AMF team). He/she will also be asked to provide written feedback on this using the templates provided.
- Implementation by your school's leadership team of a culture of smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

This is a very special opportunity with limited availability.

How to confirm your place

Simply email esmart@amf.org.au as soon as possible.

Please provide the name, email and phone details of your proposed pilot representative.