

PRIME MINISTER

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Dear parents, carers and the school community,

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility. Schools, governments at all levels, the Australian community and, first and foremost, parents take this obligation seriously.

As parents, we know that it can be challenging to raise children today in a world where risks to safety can appear not only on the street but online. And it is not always easy to navigate when the online world can have real world physical and mental health impacts.

That is why our Government has developed resources to empower parents (and schools) to protect children and prepare them to be resilient, responsible and respectful adults:

- <u>www.esafety.gov.au</u> resources that promote online safety including tackling image-based abuse and a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- <u>www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au</u> support for students, parents and teachers to create a learning environment that promotes student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships.

You can also visit <u>www.bullyingnoway.gov.au</u> for education and advice for kids, parents and schools on how to combat and respond to bullying.

Whatever age your kids, it is never too late to make changes to improve their welfare. With the fresh start that a new school year brings we encourage you to use these resources for practical advice on keeping your family safe and well through the year.

Yours sincerely

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