

Cyber Safety

St Margaret's Berwick Grammar (**SMBG, School**) actively supports access by students to the widest variety of information resources available, accompanied by the development of the skills necessary to filter, analyse, interpret and evaluate information encountered.

The internet provides students with unprecedented opportunities to obtain information, engage in discussion, and liaise with individuals, organisation and groups world-wide so as to increase skills, knowledge and abilities.

SMBG aims to protect students from inappropriate content, cyberbullying and other risks by utilising internet filtering and blocking of website at the school level.

The school also actively supports government initiatives such as the Social Media ban for under 16s (2025).

For Parents/Students:

There are a range of resources for parents seeking more information on cyber safety. These include eSafe- a Federal Government cyber safety program helping schools improve cyber safety and deal with cyberbullying. It is important that parents understand the kind of digital technologies young people enjoy, the challenges and risks these might bring and some guidelines to help encourage cyber safety. Below are some helpful links to promote the safe and respectful use of the internet in our school community and to provide tips for parents.

The eSafety commissioner has created several supports for families regarding cybersafety.

Below are some links to specific resources for families to read and consider when thinking about their children's online presence and how we can all work to make this a safe space for all.

Helpful links and information

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

If you or your child has any concerns, the Kids Helpline can be contacted on: 1800 55 1800
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

You can also contact Lifeline on 131114 <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

If any parent/student has concerns about the impact of the content on their children, feel free to contact staff at the school.