

Dear [insert name of Principal],

As the [add either parent/caregiver] of a child in upper primary at [insert school name], I am writing to request that you consider running the sequence of lessons on eSafety for Kids, which are available for free on the Cool Australia website.

Children at this age are spending more and more of their leisure time interacting with others online, and this increases as they get older. Research shows that young people access around five different social media services. Unfortunately, this also opens up children to risky behaviour and tricky people. I understand that it's my responsibility to help my child navigate this new world (from home), but I also believe that having a consistent message from both home and school can help children recognise the importance of the messages they're hearing.

The resources developed by Cool Australia are curriculum-aligned and cover areas including English, HPE, and HASS, as well as many aspects of the cross-curriculum priorities. They offer age-appropriate yet relatable content, which helps children understand the importance of being alert to potential risks when communicating online or sharing content with others.

They also introduce students to some of the consequences of sharing intimate information or images online, which is a subject that can be uncomfortable for parents or caregivers to think about, but is a real issue for younger people in Australia. Online child sexual exploitation is a stigmatised subject, yet in 2018, there were 18,000 reports of child exploitation materials found within Australia.

The Cool Australia resources also include a take-it-home pack of resources to ensure that the learning which occurs at school is continued at home, so it can be applied right away. There are links to additional information and instructions for teachers on how to deliver the lessons safely across all classes of Years 5 and 6 students.

You can find out more about the resources [here](#).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Kind regards,

[insert name here]