

# eSmart Newsletter

## Term 2, 2021

Welcome to our first eSmart Newsletter for 2021. In this edition we reveal this year's eSmart Captains, discuss issues with online chat rooms, social media, iMessage and email. We hope these eSmart Newsletters are interesting and informative. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear from you...

### eSmart Captains 2021

Year 6 eSmart Captains are:

Esther B  
Nathan M  
Hayden W  
Barnaby T

These students, who have shown an interest in technology and in helping others, will take on extra responsibilities to help with technology and support fellow students within their own classroom and across the whole school.

The eSmart Captains have undergone in-house training and will be guided and supported by the eSmart Committee.

The aim of the eSmart Captain program is to encourage, promote and support safe and responsible technology use, whilst gaining leadership skills and knowledge.

### Social Media at School

- Using iMessage (or other social media) at school is not permitted. This means no messaging other students, friends or parents. If students need to contact parents (or vice versa) please go through the Office.

### Online Chat Rooms

This week we received some very interesting information from a former detective Brett Lee who worked as a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years, 16 of which as a detective in the field of Child Exploitation that we thought we would share with you.

*With children spending more time online in the past 12 months, yet still craving social interaction, Omegle offers a virtual solution to making new friends.*

*But like all online interactions, there is an element of risk.*

*Omegle is an extremely unsafe site. Here's what parents and educators need to know about the dangers of Omegle.*

[Press Here To Read Article](#)

We found this website to be extremely informative and highly recommend that you all take the time to read it.

## National eSmart Week

Here at St Paul's we are busy preparing for what we believe will be our biggest and best during National eSmart Week which runs from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.

Further details will sent home as the preparations are finalised! Be prepared for your children to teach you something new about being cybersafe 😊

- Email: Students may only use the school email address to send schoolwork to teachers. The school email is not to be used for ANY other purpose (including setting up accounts for social media, online sites or stores).

### **Social Media at Home**

- Talk to children about being kind online and not posting videos or photos of others without permission.
- Encourage your child to talk to you if they are being bullied or read/see hurtful things about others.
- Be aware of what social media your child is using. Who are they communicating with? How much time are they spending on social media and where?

All children who go online are at risk of cyber bullying (or becoming a cyber bully). It is important that children understand the do's and don'ts of playing online and using social media.

Unfortunately, teachers are regularly having to deal with iMessage/social media issues that occur outside school – but end up impacting learning in the classroom. They are also constantly having to monitor students and inappropriate gaming in the classroom. Please help us to keep all of our children safe...