

GSHS to be E-Smart



Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing. eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.

eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence. Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we'll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au

Our journey with eSmart began in late 2016 with a review of our current practices against the e-Smart framework. We have currently passed the **planning** stage of each domain in the framework and are now **implementing** and **sustaining** a variety of practices. Gladstone State High School is aiming to achieve e-Smart status by the end of 2017.

As part of our CCL program in Years 7-9, students will be completing an e-smart unit throughout Term three. Within this unit students will be covering the topics of 'Digital Citizenship', 'Online Time', 'Cyberbullying' and 'Sexting'. These lessons are available to preview on the Australian Governments eSafety website under the Classroom Resources section. These lessons will be re-enforced by presentations from our School Based Police Officer, as well as touring company Zeal with their 'Viral' presentation. If you have concerns with your child's involvement in these activities please contact the Head of Social Justice- Junior, Tristan Nietfeld, on 49 766 111.

Please look out for our regular eSmart tips & articles on our Facebook page, school website and newsletter. [We look forward to continuing to create and sustain safe learning environments both at school and online.](#)

e-Smart Committee