



Safer Internet Day 2017

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Be the change: Unite for a better internet

Create a better internet together for all our learners.

CORE recognises International Safer Internet Day 2017 and has the following advice as starting points for early childhood, schools and kura, who are planning ways to keep students safe online. Let us know which of these is happening for your learners on Twitter @coreeducation #SID2017.

5 TOP TIPS FOR A SAFER INTERNET



Tip #1: Give respect, get respect

The internet can be a powerful tool for connecting and working with others, both locally and globally.

- Find ways to collaborate and learn to work positively with others online
Teach our learners to manage their online reputations
- Design learning that creates safe, meaningful opportunities to grow ideas responsibly with others online



Tip #2: Walk the talk

Model critical thinking when using the internet

- Find real-life, positive ways to model the use of the web as part of our own learning.
- Guide others.
- Safe and responsible use of the internet becomes normalised through the way we all behave together online.



Tip #3: Open the door on dialogue

Rather than restricting access to the web or using fear-based messages, the best way to manage challenges online is to work them out together. Effective prevention strategies emphasise approaches that actively involve discussing with students how they use digital technology, and more specifically, the challenges they experience online and how they keep safe. Teachers, students, peers, parents, family and whānau all have a role in this process. There are no quick fixes.

- Talk to our learners, children and colleagues about online activity, cybersafety behaviours
- Lose the fear-based messages. Plan an approach that balances protective approaches, such as technical mediation of student online access, with strategies that promote safe, responsible and pro-social behaviours
- Provide support when they meet challenges



Tip #4: Use the right tools

Use the tools that come with all devices and platforms to restrict or monitor our information and identity online as part of an overall strategy to manage safe use online.

- Make sure we know how to manage our devices and the security systems that are in-built
- Set up secure passwords and consider using software to manage them
- Explore the use of Safe Search and student-friendly browsers



Tip #5: Harness the power

Design experiences and learning opportunities that invite learners to pick up new skills safely and in meaningful contexts. Weave safety messages into the learning process. Make it part of learning plans before we set out with our students.

- Look for opportunities to connect with students across the world
- Use social networks to foster conversations about issues
- Weave web tools through local inquiry – take action in your community
- Explore the use of Safe Search and student-friendly browsers

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