

## TEACHER VILIFICATION ONLINE

Social networking is an extension of personal friendships, but despite being a big part of children's lives, teachers should be mindful of 'friending' their students online as there can be risks involved.

Cybersmart has created guidelines for teachers to manage their social media accounts.



**PROTECT YOURSELF** by setting your privacy settings to the highest level. This will minimise any potential bullying from students or their parents. If you have friend requests from parents of your students, think carefully about the purpose of the contact.



**DO NOT** post inappropriate comments, images or videos on social media sites, which may become publicly available despite privacy settings.



**CONSIDER** establishing personal and professional accounts on social networking sites if you use the site as a professional or learning tool.



**UNDERTAKE** regular professional development and learning in cybersafety to keep abreast of current trends and risks. Schools should also develop a social media policy in line with the plan developed for their education sector.

For more information and resources, visit [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au). For help on cybersafety issues and concerns, visit [www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx)