

# Cybersmart Virtual Classroom – ‘Communicating online’

**Date/time:** Thursday 14 May 2015, 2 – 2.40pm

**Audience:** Years 4, 5 and 6 students.

**The presentation will assist students to:**

- Understand why online messages can be easily misunderstood
- Recognise that messages can be hurtful even when this may not be the intent
- Understand that non-verbal behaviours help us receive messages more than volume, pitch or words
- Consider when teasing crosses the line and becomes harmful and hurtful
- Identify appropriate responses to someone communicating inappropriately

Please note that 2 student volunteers will be required to complete a short activity in front of your school group. It will assist with the flow and timing of the sessions if you have two volunteers who are willing and able to participate when asked by the presenter.

With the help of classroom teachers, the presentation will feature interactive questions and discussions.

Post-presentation activities aligned to the theme are available on our website <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/virtual.aspx>.

Other related resources are available through [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au). Examples include ‘Positive online communication’ and ‘Cyberbullying’ at <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Schools/Teacher%20resources/Upper%20primary.aspx>

**Registration:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1822561834671659778>

**Background:**

- Virtual Classrooms are an increasingly popular part of the Cybersmart program which has delivered education presentations to over 1 million Australian students, teachers and parents.
- In 2014, Cybersmart delivered over 20 Virtual Classrooms in all education sectors and numerous states and territories.
- Other Virtual Classroom topics on offer in 2015 will include:  
‘Cyberbullying’                      ‘Being a good bystander’                      ‘Making good choices online’  
‘Communicating online’                      ‘Online security’                      ‘The internet and the law’

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