DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

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Digital citizenship encompasses a vital range of skills for students who are negotiating the online world. It involves many aspects of being a good cyber citizen such as behaving appropriately online but also cyber safety, protecting oneself online, and knowing how to use information ethically.
Often it falls to the teacher librarian to provide explicit training in these areas. For this reason, we need to up-skill ourselves in this area. The following websites provide opportunities to do this and can help us build our own digital citizenship program. At times we are also asked to explain to parents about how they can help their children stay safe in an online world; these resources will also help. There are also a couple of examples of school library websites and a Flipboard on digital citizenship to give ideas on how we can spread these ideas within our school and wider community.

Digital Citizenship

Digital Citizenship Net
This website provides useful links, a bibliography of articles and a page on the nine themes of digital citizenship; this provides a useful framework for thinking about a multi-faceted topic.

Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Curriculum
A printable curriculum with lesson plans and linked video clips.

6 Digital Citizenship Resources for Educators
Links to curriculums, lesson plans and video clips on digital citizenship with additional resources.

Digizen.org
Child-oriented activities on digital citizenship.

Cyberwise Digital Citizenship Games
Links for parents and educators to become more informed about digital citizenship.

PBS's Webonauts Internet Academy
A game to help children understand the concepts of digital citizenship with links for parents and educators and also ideas on preventing cyberbullying.

Planet Nutshell: Netsafe videos
18 animated video clips for kids on internet safety

[K-12 Digital Citizenship](#)
A substantial bank of links relevant to digital citizenship with lesson plans linked to each level from K to 12.

[Article: The Strategy for Digital Citizenship](#)
Useful article explaining why we teach digital citizenship and how to go about developing a program.

[5 must read guides on social media use for parents and teachers](#)
Links to parent guides on cybersafety, cyberbullying, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook

[A guidebook for social media in the classroom](#)
Useful ideas for using social media in the classroom

[The easy guide to socialising online](#)
Very accessible Australian Government website on cybersafety

[11 tips for students to manage their digital footprints](#)
Most students need explicit training in how to manage their digital footprint. Often they are unaware of the implications of creating a poor one. This site has useful tips on the topic.

[Digital citizenship at Newington Public School](#)
Example and links for educating younger students in digital citizenship.

[Trinity Grammar School: Digital citizenship](#)
Example of a Sydney school's library webpage on digital citizenship.

[#sybadigcit on Flipboard](#) (Lyn Hay's Flipboard on digital citizenship)