S.N.P.S eSmart Committee News

The eSmart Committee has developed a newsletter to keep the community updated on our journey to becoming an eSmart school.

Our aim is to educate parents and the community about eSmart.

We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home.

If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please contact the classroom teacher.

We're on the way to becoming eSmart

Earlier we advised that our school had registered with eSmart – a comprehensive approach for managing cybersafety and dealing with bullying and cyberbullying in school communities.

We're pleased to let you know that we have completed the first phase of our eSmart journey.

We have planned many activities in line with the eSmart Schools Framework, and are now progressing with implementation.

Expect to hear a lot more in the coming months about our efforts to promote the smart, safe and responsible use of digital technology.

We hope you will also take part in some of the opportunities to learn more about being eSmart.

For more information visit **www.esmart.org.au**

Student Technology Audit

Last year, the eSmart committee developed a quiz on technology for our grade 3-6 students to undertake.

135 students were surveyed.

Our aim was to gain an insight on the following:

- How many students own a computer and/or electronic device
- The purpose of use on computers/electronic devices
- The frequency of computer/electronic device use
- Which apps our students are using
- Students settings and privacy settings on social networking and gaming sites
- How our students stay 'safe' online
- What concerns our students have about being online

From this, we can target our eSmart curriculum towards areas we feel need to be addressed.

Our data has shown the following...

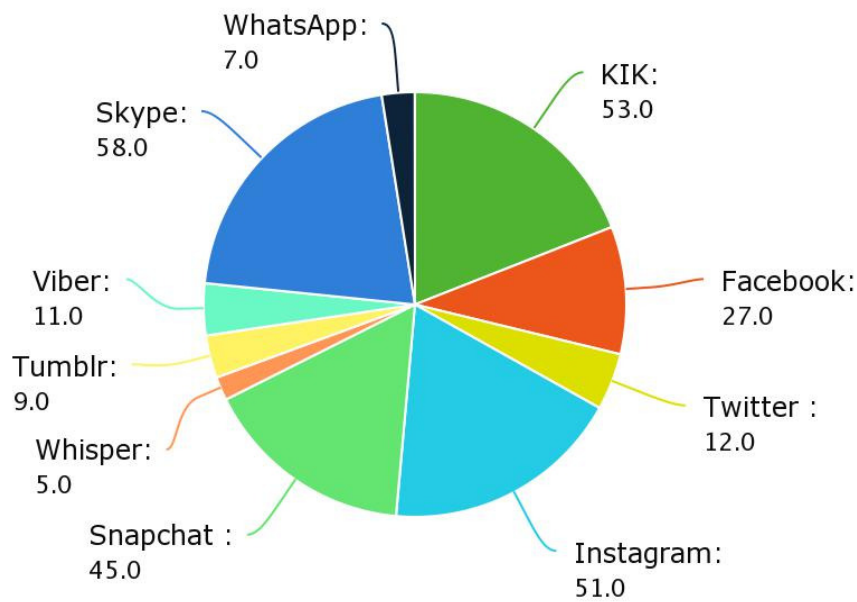|			
129 students have a computer	130 own an electronic device	60% of students surf the web and watch YouTube every day or 2/3 times a week	81% of students play games every day or 2/3 times a week

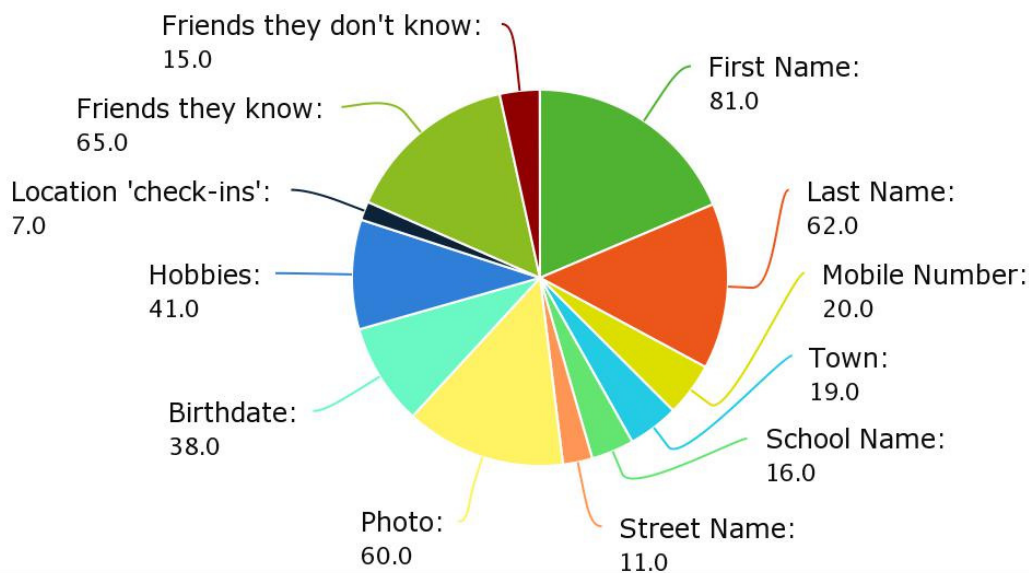|		
18 students send pictures every day	55 students play online games with people they don't know in real life	41 students take photos every day

We are concerned by the following data...

How many students use the following apps?

WhatsApp: 7.0
KIK: 53.0
Skype: 58.0
Facebook: 27.0
Viber: 11.0
Twitter : 12.0
Tumblr: 9.0
Whisper: 5.0
Snapchat : 45.0
Instagram: 51.0

Legend: KIK, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Whisper, Tumblr, Viber, Skype, WhatsApp

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How many students have the following on their social networking site?

Friends they don't know: 15.0
Friends they know: 65.0
First Name: 81.0
Location 'check-ins': 7.0
Last Name: 62.0
Hobbies: 41.0
Mobile Number: 20.0
Birthdate: 38.0
Town: 19.0
School Name: 16.0
Photo: 60.0
Street Name: 11.0

Legend: First Name, Last Name, Mobile Number, Town, School Name, Street Name, Photo, Birthdate, Hobbies, Location 'check-ins', Friends they know, Friends they don't know

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As part of becoming an eSmart school, we will educate students in areas of internet safety such as privacy and social media.
Our school actively discourages the use of social media where the terms of service specify a minimum age older than primary school levels.
This means that our students should not be using social media such as Facebook, Instagram and KIK, because in order to do so, students would have to be dishonest about their age.

Parenting In The Digital Age
The Need-To-Know on Social Media Safety

	DESCRIPTION	RATING	WARNING
	Facebook is a social networking site where users set up a profile with photos and information about themselves.	Rated 13+	Increasing levels of exposure of personal information. Users can share gender, profile pictures, name of school/job, interests, mobile number, current locations and more.
	Snapchat is a social media app that allows users to send pictures and videos. The app claims the images only exist for only 10 seconds of less before "disappearing".	Rated 12+ for the following: Infrequent alcohol, tobacco or drug use or references, infrequent suggestive themes, infrequent mild profanity, and crude humour, and infrequent sexual content and nudity,	There are hack apps available that automatically saves pictures and videos they receive. The viewer can take a 'snapshot' of the picture they received.
	Kik is an instant messaging app that is similar to texting but users have multiple options of talking with individuals or groups. Users can send pictures, videos, surveys and 'stickers'.	Rated 17+ for the following: Frequent/Intense mature/ Suggestive themes and unrestricted web access.	There are reports of lots of graphic images, very sexualised discussions and predator-like-behaviour taking place on Kik. Users may not know who is messaging them.
	Twitter is a social media site where users create a profile and share brief messages of up to 140 characters (called tweets) with other users.	Twitter is intended for people over the age of 13.	As with all social media that encourages interaction between users, the risks comes from contact with people you don't know, cyberbullying and trolling and accessing inappropriate content.
	Instagram is a photo and video sharing app that is popular with young people. Users communicate by posting comments to each other under photos and videos.	Rated 12+ for the following: Infrequent alcohol, tobacco or drug use or references, infrequent suggestive themes, infrequent mild profanity, and crude humour, and infrequent sexual content and nudity,	The number of followers people have is often quite high, and they are typically friends of friends or even strangers.
	Ask.fm is a social Q&A website which promotes itself as offering the ability to ask anonymous questions to an individual's 'profile'.	Rated 12+ for the following: Infrequent alcohol, tobacco or drug use or references, infrequent suggestive themes, infrequent mild profanity, and crude humour, and infrequent sexual content and nudity,	Ask.fm is increasingly being associated with cyberbullying behaviour worldwide due to the perceived anonymity of users who post and answer questions.