

## Cyber Strong Schools (2011-2013)

### Aim

Cyber Strong Schools aimed to build school staff capacity to help students behave in safe and positive ways online.

### Methods

The project involved the developed and pilot-testing of an online resource ([friendlyschools.com.au/cyberstrong](http://friendlyschools.com.au/cyberstrong)). This e-learning program is designed to support staff in an ongoing manner, particularly those in non-metropolitan areas who may have difficulty accessing other forms of professional development.

The resource includes five learning modules, developed through consultation with students, school staff and community stakeholders, addressing (1) educators' personal knowledge of social networking; (2) whole school policies relating to social networking and online behaviour; (3) educator's professional conduct in relation to online interactions; (4) teaching and learning to improve students' online behaviour; and (5) skilling young people to become school leaders in reducing cyberbullying and related harms.

### Publications

Barnes, A., Pearce, N, Cross, D., Thomas, L., Slee P. 2016. Using online environments to build teacher capacity to address student wellbeing. In Shute, R. & Slee P. (Eds), *Mental Health and Wellbeing through Schools: The Way Forward* (pp. 111-122). Oxford: Routledge. ISBN 9780415745185.