

Cyber Friendly Primary Schools (2019-2021)

Aim

The Cyber Friendly Primary Schools Project will try to better understand schools' and parents' needs around children's use of digital technology, and what information and help they need.

The project aims to develop and test an intervention to support parents and schools to promote positive technology use by children, with fewer risks to their safety, development, privacy and wellbeing.

Methods

The project launched a website with short articles, videos and information that help parents, schools and P&C/P&F committees promote positive digital technology use by children.

This project works with parents to identify their needs and concerns and helps support them on how to best guide their children's technology use. Consultations are conducted with policy-makers and practitioners from schools to identify the issues most pertinent to school policy and practice.

An intervention to build the confidence and skills of parents of Years 4-6 children to assist their children use digital technology safely and positively is currently being developed and tested in 10 WA schools.

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