Dear Parent,

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, our school is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. Those parents who attended the ‘Think You Know’ information night conducted by the Federal Police earlier this year should come to this session in order to further extend their knowledge and understanding, and bring other friends.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. (See article from The Sunday Age 18th Sept over. We are fortunate to have the same presenter, Greg Gebhart). It information night covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge. It will be held on **Monday 17th October at 7.00 pm in the Level Four BER building.**

- 2.30 – 3.30 pm Level Three and Four Student Information Session
- 3.45 – 5.00 pm Staff Information Session
- 7.00 – 8.30 Parent Information session

We strongly urge all school families to be represented on the night. Please encourage other interested parents to attend, it is not just limited to parents of Donvale students.

Regards,

Rick Gordon
For the Cybersafety Committee