



At Thomas Mitchell Primary School, we are currently working towards attaining our full accreditation as an eSmart school. From time to time we will be issuing articles into the newsletter to help inform our community of ways we can all be smart, safe and responsible whilst using the internet and digital technologies.

For more information on eSmart please visit <http://www.amf.org.au/esmartschools/>

Flicks and Pics

These days, sending and downloading images and videos is easy. The difficult part is if you can trust the person you're sending it to. Here's some stuff you need to know to help protect yourself.

Sharing images and video

- Remember that it's easy to forward photos and videos sent by text or email and posted online, so if you wouldn't want a photo or video, or some information about you displayed at your school assembly, think twice before you post it online or text it to anyone.
- As well as potentially damaging your reputation, you can actually be charged in court with making child pornography if you share nude or explicit photos of yourself.
- To protect your own safety, it's not a good idea to send a photo or video of yourself to someone you don't know in real life.

Using cameras

- Considering other people is a big part of using technology safely and respectfully. So it's best not to take a picture of someone unless they know you're doing it and agree to it. That's especially true if they are doing something that they might regret or be embarrassed by later, or might get them into trouble.

Other peoples images and videos

- Webcams can help us stay in touch, but it's important to think carefully and consider your safety before you accept a file or webcam feed from someone you do not know or trust in the real world.
- Remember that web cam images can be faked – so even if you think you've seen someone you're chatting to online, they might not be who you think they are.
- If you see something online or get a text which scares or worries you, tell a trusted adult right away, and see if you can block the person who sent it to you.