



Cyber Bullying

This involves the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, text messages, instant messaging and websites to engage in the bullying of others individuals or groups. This technology provides an alternative means of verbal, relational and psychological forms of bullying.

Targeted Early Intervention and Prevention Strategies

- awareness-raising of cyber bullying amongst staff, student and parent body by presenting Cyber Safety workshops conducted by ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority);
- use of classroom internet resources such as Cyber quoll, Hector's World, Netsafe, to support classroom "netiquette" programs;
- Year 6 and 7 students to participate in Cyber Smart Detective program, supported by ACMA and W.A. Police Service;
- use the school newsletter to provide "Cyber Tips" for parents to lift/maintain the profile of cyber bullying, in addition to sending home Cyber Safety pamphlets.

Action Plan

Due to the likelihood that cyber bullying will principally occur in the home, and then possibly find its way into the school environment, we will rely on parents or students to alert us to the first instance of any incidents. If an incident occurs, it will be dealt with under our BMIS policy and the Student Online Agreement.

Parents will need to be aware that, unless the cyber bullying extends to school and breaches the above policy and agreement, Beldon is unable to apply consequences and/or interfere in these events. Parents will have the opportunity to be advised of strategies they can utilise for dealing with issues occurring at home. Teachers are aware of indicators to look out for that may be a sign of cyber bullying.

The following process will apply once an allegation of cyber bullying is brought to our attention.

1. A written record of the allegation/incident entered on Integris by an administrator.
2. Details forwarded to the class teacher and information sought as to whether any concern currently exists.
3. Staff advised to monitor and report any related observations.
4. If cyber bullying (origin of) is established in the school environment; proceed with BMIS and/or Student Online Agreement protocols.
5. Inform parents of students concerned that an incident has occurred and outline action plan.
6. Utilise available resources as needed eg School Psychologist
7. Monitor and review