

2009 calendar fully **BOOKED** across Australia



ACMA's Cybersafety Outreach—Professional Development for Educators workshops and Internet Safety Awareness Presentations for students, teachers and parents are in such high demand that the Cybersafety Outreach trainers are fully booked to the end of 2009.

This is a very encouraging achievement for ACMA and the Cybersafety Outreach section, particularly this early in the school year and with ACMA's promotional activities having only just begun.

Over 500 schools, more than five per cent of all schools in Australia, have registered to host awareness presentations for their school community. Demand is expected to increase as ACMA's promotional activities gain momentum.

To date, over 1100 teachers have registered for the full-day Cybersafety Outreach—Professional Development for Educators workshop, with more teachers registering every day. A further 1300 teachers have registered for the remainder of the year.

The presentations are designed for teachers to help students manage the risks associated with current technologies and online activities. The workshop has received high praise from teachers for its professional delivery, contemporary content and relevance to schools and teachers. Comments from participants include:

This PD workshop was fabulous. The information presented was current and very relevant. The resources are great and websites are child friendly and appealing. I liked the time we were able to spend using the sites.

Catholic school, NSW.

I have learnt a great deal today and think this

workshop has been extremely worthwhile.

Articulate and knowledgeable presenter.

It would be easy to pass on this information to other staff back at school. Thanks.

Teacher, state school, NSW.

Thank you for the opportunity ... opens up more avenues to actually do something with what we have learnt and bring it back to our school/classroom.

Teacher, independent school.

Excellent presentation. Complex issues were presented in a logical, comprehensive yet accessible way for a broad range of experiences from within the class. Congratulations.

The presentation was first-rate from all perspectives.

Teacher, independent school, Vic.

ACMA continues to develop cybersafety initiatives for school and educators:

- an e-learning program that will allow ACMA to deliver a blended approach of online and face-to-face professional development
- a national program for trainee teachers, in consultation with universities and education providers
- a web portal—the Schools Gateway—offering schools a comprehensive range of education resources
- an online registration and booking facility for its cybersafety presentations.

ACMA also has a comprehensive set of teaching

resources targeting school children of different ages, including CyberQuoll, CyberNetrix, Wise up to IT and CyberSmart Detectives.

Other features of ACMA's cybersafety program include:

- a cybersafety website for children and parents, to be launched in mid-2009
- cybersafety brochures and booklets for use by families, covering topics such as safe social networking and use of mobile phones
- a cybersafety 'badge' in SuperClubsPLUS Australia, an educational social networking environment for children
- the Cybersafety Contact Centre, offering cybersafety information, advice and resources. The centre is open between 8 am and 10 pm in all states and offers interpreting and TTY services. Telephone 1800 880 176
- a complaints hotline
- international collaboration to combat illegal material
- a mobile phone guide
- research into young people's use of online media.

More information about the cybersafety program is available on the ACMA website

www.acma.gov.au (go to For the public:

Content & advertising: Internet: Cybersafety advice for parents and carers).