

Detective Training Day

Lesson Overview

Today our Year 5 and Year 6 students took part in an **eSmart Detective Training Day**. The session focused on helping students understand the **purpose and reliability of online content**, and why it is important to think carefully about what they see, read, and interact with online.

Students explored questions such as **Who created this?** and **Why was it made?** so that they can better detect content that may be fake, sneaky, misleading, or simply incorrect. Building these skills supports students to make safer and smarter choices online.

As part of the lesson, students were introduced to four special Detective Tools:

- **Word Weasel**
- **Ad Alarm**
- **Source Scanner**
- **Reality Check**

To continue the learning at home, please ask your child to explain what each detective tool means and how it helps them think critically about online content. Your family has also been given a copy of the content island map that we encourage your child to decorate and colour in. Over the next few days, we invite you to work together to find real online examples that match each detective tool. Record the examples that you find around the outside of the content island map - aim to find at least one example that match each detective tool. Please encourage your child to return their map to school to share with our broader class community.

Thank you for supporting your child to become a safe and savvy digital detective.



Scan the QR code or visit the link to play Detective Training Day!

play.esmart.org.au



Detective Fry's top tips for Parents / Carers:

- Ask questions about what your child sees online instead of telling them what to think.
- Encourage your child to check a few trusted sources before believing something online.
- Let your child know they can always show you anything that feels confusing or wrong.
- Spend time watching or scrolling together and talk about what you notice.
- Show curiosity yourself so your child learns by watching you.
- Use filters and controls, but explain they do not catch everything.



Get more useful tips here:

be.esmart.org.au/dl/content-video

