



Enhancing the News

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World Wide Web is a dangerous place

Young people may be placing themselves in serious danger as the internet plays an increasingly central role in their day to day lives.

Not only is the internet a major source of information for young people, but it has become a vital social tool. Social networking sites, such as MySpace, are extremely popular among the younger generation as they create their own web page and communicate online.

However, they are more vulnerable to the threats that are emerging on the internet. Online predators, cyber bullying and accessibility of inappropriate content are among the many dangers that undermine the safety of young people.

Ensure students are aware of the dangers of the internet and discuss ways information communication technology is shaping people's lives. For primary students, [Behind the News](#) looks at the hidden dangers of the Internet, while this episode of [Behind the News](#) explains the basics of broadband and discovers podcasting. [TTN](#) addresses internet addiction and [Behind the News Specials: Information Communication Technology](#) explores the new world of technology and media, and breaks down the complexities of cross media ownership.

Suitable for secondary and tertiary students, [The Hacktivists study guide](#), that partners this documentary, provides a snapshot of cultural subversion at the dawn of the digital age, and [Difference of Opinion: Growing up in the digital age](#) discusses the influences modern technology has on young lives. [Four Corners: You Only Live Twice](#) illustrates the bizarre frontiers of virtual worlds and reports on the traps that lurk for innocents abroad. While [Cutting Edge: Google – Behind the Screen](#) gives an in-depth look into the world famous company, Google, [Cutting Edge: Spam](#) asks what is spam? Where does it come from? And who is sending it?

[The New Al Qaeda: Jihad.com](#) investigates how the threat from Al-Qaeda is made possible by the power of the Internet and [Cutting Edge: White Terror](#) reveals the central role information communication technology plays in the spreading of racist hatred. [60 Minutes](#) includes the story, 'Web of Darkness', that gives an

insight into the dangers of the Internet and social-networking sites. [The 7.30 Report](#) contains the story, 'Govt releases long-awaited broadband policy', which reports on the Howard Government's proposal to deliver a fast broadband system.

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