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APFACTS Cyber savvy week kicks off today

Today sees the start of APFACTS Cyber Savvy week - a massive week of workshops bringing a greater focus of the need for digital citizenship skills for students.

“More and more we are seeing how the use of technology and social media extends past the school gate – it is a big part of our children’s lives and we must take leadership in building empowering and safe learning environments for our children.” said Charuni Weerasooriya, APFACTS President.

APFACTS Cyber Savvy week is jam-packed with workshops for everyone - Over 1,000 secondary students will take part in high impact Project Rokit workshops which help build student leadership around their digital identity. Parent workshops with popular speakers Nina Funnell and Martine Ogelthorpe and Think U know will work with parents on their skills to support students online. Ending the week is a Community forum which brings together Government, Business, Schools, school communities and students to discuss what is required in the ACT of digital skills and safety for all ACT students.

Details about the week and workshops: http://www.apfacts.org.au/site/cyber_savvy_week.php

“As technology plays a bigger role in learning and social environments of our children we must have deeper conversations about what is required from this partnership. We are in a time of great change, our kids have the most amazing learning opportunities with technology but alongside those opportunities are risks - the only way we are going to get this right is by having a holistic whole school approach that sees schools, parents, students all on the same page and working together.” said Charuni Weerasooriya, APFACTS President.

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