

# IT Factsheet for Homestay



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## Risks associated with providing an internet connection

- Students can access unfiltered internet unless restriction/filtering software is used. Visit <http://www.sipbench.eu/> for filtering software options.
- If students engage in illegal behaviours using the homestay internet connection provided, the internet protocol (IP) address of the home internet connection will be attached to the online behaviours of the student.
  - When investigations are conducted by police, this can result in the homestay provider's subscriber details being retrieved by police during their investigation of the IP address used during the illegal behaviour.
  - Depending on the information provided to police of the illegal online behaviours or the evidence they obtain during a police investigation, there is the potential that the homestay provider will have some involvement with investigations due to their name being the registered subscriber of the internet connection.

## Protecting information / devices

- Be sure to have anti-virus installed on every device at the homestay location:
  - ensure each student has anti-virus installed on their personal devices
  - visit <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/> for information about anti-virus software and protecting personal information.
- Avoid storing personal information, photographs, financial information, or passwords on shared devices, or devices that the homestay student may use.
- Back up devices and important documents regularly to avoid losing data.

## Safety

- For younger students, devices should be used in communal area where they can be supervised.
- For older students, encourage open and honest communication with you and be aware of the various websites that they may be using.
- Read the Online Awareness guide for parents and caregivers:  
<http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/cybersafety/cyberbullying-cybersafetyprintfriendlyguide.pdf>.
- Visit <http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/cybersafety/Pages/parents.aspx>.