Caring for Kids in an online world:

Addressing the issue of Cybersafety & young people for Principals, teachers and other professionals.

With the explosion of technology, we are also seeing a dramatic rise in its' misuse. The issues of cyber bullying & 'sexting' are emerging as the number one issue confronting the safety and wellbeing of young people and the wider community. Cyberbullying or technology misuse is often the number one, non academic issue that schools have to deal with on a daily basis.

Today's youth have access to and are accessible by many millions of people worldwide. Teens are often not aware that their words and or photos, which may have been intended for a small audience, sometimes find their way to a larger one, often with both the unexpected and undesirable consequences. Misuses of technology primarily conducted out of school hours, are now becoming a time consuming and confronting issue for Principals, teachers, medical clinicians and other professionals who work with, or care for young people. Schools have a duty of care to their students and this now includes an acknowledgement of online issues and the role that they must play in both the prevention and investigation of such misuses. Staff must be educated in order to assist those in their care.

This professional development session for educators/youth workers will cover:-

What are the sites young people are using?
You know Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram & TikTok but what about Omegle, Yubo, Yolo and Sendit? What are the age restrictions and why are they important? What are they young people being exposed to (including pornography) and why can this be a problem?

How are where are kids groomed online? How do predators find kids & what sites/apps do they use. The difference between an 'online friend' and a 'stranger.

Misuse of technology - How/where does this occur?
What is Cyberbullying, Sexting & Sextortion?

The Law.
When is cyberbullying and 'sexting' a crime? When and how to involve local Police. A schools legal and moral responsibility. Your legal Duty of Care.

Risks, dangers and safety tips
How to assist the children in your care to stay safe online.

Office of the eSafety Commissioner – Role, Resources & Reporting. (Australian schools)

Where to next for your school?
Considerations and policy development - What to include in Policy including the issue of photos and videos? Has permission been obtained? What about students or parents taking pictures at a school event?

Online safety for teachers and staff. (How to protect your privacy)

Professional Conduct – should staff maintain public social networking sites? Relevant state/organisational guidelines. Social interactions with students online.

Questions?

This PD session is 90 mins - *PD can be delivered over a 1/2 day or full day, which includes an interactive quiz and working through actual scenarios.*