

Scenarios to Use with Your Children

Scenario 1 – James

Your 7-year-old is playing online. A person writes in the feed, “You’re really good at this game. I’ve been watching you. You’ve really improved. Why don’t you come over and play with me and my friends? My name is Richard, and I live in Canberra. Where do you come from?”

- Why do you think Richard wants to play with James?
- What house rules apply in this situation?
- What would you do in this situation?

Scenario 2 – Chris

Chris is playing with her mother’s phone in the lounge room. Her mum is in the bedroom. Her phone sends a message that Chris’s mum has a Facebook message. There is a notification sitting right on top of the game Chris is playing.

- What house rules apply in this situation?
- What should Chris do?

Scenario 3 – Julie

Julie is playing on her iPod. Samantha is sitting next to her on the lounge playing on her iPad. After a short break, Julie comes back to her iPad and taps in her password to restart the game. “I know your password,” says Samantha, who had been watching as Julie typed the password on her screen.

Julie asks Samantha what she thinks her password is. Samantha tells her, and she is right.

- What house rules apply in this situation?
- What should Julie do?

Scenario 4 – Calum

Calum is playing on the computer on an online game he is allowed to play. A screen pops up and says, “Congratulations. You have won a new iPad.” All Calum has to do is enter his name, address, and date of birth to receive the iPad.

- Do you think Calum has really won an iPad?
- What house rules apply?
- What should Calum do?

Scenario 5 – Tabitha

Tabitha was talking to several of her school friends while playing an online game. Jasmine started to use swear words and say unkind things to Keely because they were cross at each other at school today.

- What house rule applies?
- What should Tabitha do?