Youth Action Squad Code of Conduct

YAS Goals

· Create opportunities to educate others
· Guide people to places and tools that can help them stay safe online
· Listen and build trust with schoolmates
· Be a bridge between students and school staff

YAS Values

· Act with care and respect towards others
· Be inclusive and welcoming
· Be aware of factors like age, gender, sexual orientation, culture and ethnicity
· Do what you say you'll do
· Be discreet when talking to your squad about individuals. Don't use names
· Don't share private information with anyone outside of the squad, school staff or Netsafe

YAS Safety

· Know your personal boundaries and what you can and can't do as a YAS leader
· Don't feel you need to solve other people's problems alone. Support is always available
· Refer regularly to the Green, Orange and Red stages in the Support section of the YAS website to assess the situations of the young people you're helping
· Know what support options are out there for you and others
· Don't promise to keep a secret if it may harm someone else or yourself
· Check in with your fellow squad leaders regularly to offer and receive support and advice

"Confidentiality is important because it keeps everyone safe and protected. It builds trust and prevents their reputation from being harmed." - Ananya, Auckland, YAS ambassador

If you're looking for guidance, talk to your squad or support teacher, or contact Netsafe at yas@netsafe.org.nz.

If you're concerned about someone's immediate safety, go straight to your support teacher or call 111.