

The Youth Action Squad

Kia ora and welcome to the squad!

Spending time online should be a safe and positive experience for young people. That's where Netsafe's Youth Action Squad (YAS) comes in. YAS is for young people who care about the online safety and wellbeing of their peers and are keen to create a better future.

By forming a squad of your own, you can help educate other students about online issues and challenges in a fun, relevant way, and also provide support and guidance when needed.



“YAS is an initiative that helps students start conversations, organise projects, take the lead on activities, and bring about good change with regard to the online safety concerns that matter most.” - Anika, Auckland, YAS ambassador

There are many ways that squad members can make a difference in their own school community...

- **Education:** YAS leaders can create activities and events to educate their peers about some of the most common areas of online harm for young people, such as bullying, nudes and sexting, social media, pornography, privacy and gaming.
- **Guidance:** YAS leaders can use their knowledge to guide people who may be experiencing an online issue towards the right information and tools.
- **Support:** YAS members can listen and build trust with their peers and act as a bridge between them and school staff.

Starting a squad is a chance to make a difference in your school community, boost your knowledge and confidence, get creative, connect to new people and have a lot of fun.

For more information about starting your own squad, go to netsafeyas.org.nz