

SWIMMING BETWEEN THE DIGITAL FLAGS



HOW THE SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS WILL HELP KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE.

Legislation is set to come into effect in Australia on the 10th December. This legislation will require certain social media services to take reasonable steps to prevent minors under the age of 16 from having and creating social media accounts.

[Watch](#) eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant explain what the Australian Government expects of social media platforms.

What parents need to know right now:

It's not a ban, it's a delay. We're giving kids more time to build digital skills and resilience before facing the pressures of social media.

The responsibility lies with the platform. There are no penalties for children or parents only for platforms that fail to take reasonable steps to prevent under-16s from having accounts.

You're not alone. [eSafety](#) offers trusted resources for parents, carers, educators, young people, and children. Parents can sign up for eSafety's free newsletter to receive updates about the social media age restrictions. Click [here](#) to subscribe to the eSafety newsletter.

The Australian social media age restrictions can be seen as a practical application of Catholic principles, striving to protect the inherent dignity of children, support parents in their primary role as educators.

Remember: The goal of delaying account access until 16 is to give young people more time to develop important skills and maturity before facing the risks of age-restricted social media.

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