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As young people approach eighteen and begin to earn their own money they will encounter a plethora of choice for spending on entertainment, hospitality and leisure activities - including gambling.

Changes in digital technology and access to the internet have also increased exposure and opportunities for young people to gamble.

It is more important than ever for young people to understand the nature of gambling and responsible gambling behaviours and attitudes.

The Australasian Gaming Council (AGC) believes that financial literacy programs and responsible gambling education programs can support young people in developing the critical knowledge, skills and attitudes required to make careful choices about their discretionary spending.

The AGC supports the development of responsible gambling education programs linking gambling education with financial literacy and, increasingly, with cyber-safety.

To assist parents and teachers in understanding the various resources currently available for young people this guide outlines contemporary financial literacy, responsible gambling education and cyber-safety resources available to students, teachers and parents in Australia.

The summary for each resource highlights useful information about the organisation responsible for the initiative, the target audience and the availability of information for parents.

The AGC hopes that this guide provides you with a workable tool to assist in the identification and selection of currently available resources.

Additional resources will be added as they become available.

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Responsible Gambling Resources

New South Wales

Talking with Teens About Gambling	
Organisation	NSW Government
Target audience	Secondary school years Young adults
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	New South Wales
Description	<p><i>NSW Gambling Help</i> provides a comprehensive guide for parents and carers on talking to teens about gambling: to help arm them with the tools and knowledge they need to make informed choices about gambling; identify risky behaviour; and how to get help.</p> <p>The site includes a series of videos where young people discuss how they feel about gambling and gambling advertising in the media, with references to examples of advertisements on YouTube for students to review.</p> <p>A variety of classroom resources are made available, including many digital options, from Facebook, Instagram and Twitter tiles to digital posters.</p>
Website	http://www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au/learn-more/what-do-teens-think/ https://gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au/support-someone/classroom-resources/
Information for parents	http://www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au/support-someone/talking-with-teens-about-gambling/

Life Ready – Gambling Modules	
Organisation	NSW Government
Target audience	Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	New South Wales
Description	<p>Life Ready is course designed by the NSW Department of Education to ready students for life post school. The course is mandatory for year 11 and 12 students in NSW. The content of the Life Ready program is designed to be customised to the needs and interests of students. The following modules relating to gambling are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online and device-based gambling; • Seeking help: gambling; • Some truths about gambling; and • Sports betting and gambling. <p>Please note: a NSW Department of Education user account is required to login to access module documentation.</p>
Website	https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/key-learning-areas/pdhpe/life-ready
	https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/key-learning-areas/pdhpe/nested-content/life-ready-teaching-and-learning-materials/drugs-and-alcohol

South Australia

Gambling is No Game	
Organisation	South Australian Government
Target audience	Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	South Australia
Description	<p><i>Gambling is No Game</i> is a South Australian Government initiative to help keep young South Australians safe in the online world and reduce their exposure to simulated gambling games.</p> <p>The site, geared more towards parents and carers, presents a range of facts and tips about gambling and young people, what to look out for and where to go for help.</p>
Website	http://nogame.com.au/
Information for parents	http://nogame.com.au/tips-for-parents/

Tasmania

Know Your Odds	
Organisation	Tasmanian Government
Target audience	Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	Tasmania
Description	<p>The <i>Know your odds</i> website is designed to raise awareness of responsible gambling by educating young people on how gambling and games of chance work.</p> <p>Information is enhanced via brief video clips on the various subjects presented.</p> <p>The site provides useful links to teaching resources. The option is available to schools to engage community educators to present information to young people.</p>
Website	https://knowyourodds.net.au/for-schools-2/
What's the Real Deal?	
Organisation	Tasmanian Government
Target audience	Secondary School Years
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	Tasmania
Description	<p><i>What's the Real Deal?</i> is designed to assist teachers to educate young people about the myths and potential risks associated with gambling and support students to make informed choices.</p> <p>The program is tailored for Tasmanian high schools (year levels 7 and 8), and provides a comprehensive kit for teachers, including access to videos to engage students.</p>
Website	https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/gambling/current_programs_and_activities/current_campaigns/whats_the_real_deal

Victoria

Love the Game, Not the Odds: School Education Program	
Organisation	Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation
Target audience	Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	Victoria
Description	<p>Provided by the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, the School Education Program is a free prevention initiative that supports secondary school communities to foster healthy and informed attitudes to gambling.</p> <p>The School Education Program offers: free face-to-face information sessions for teachers, parents and students; units of work aligned with curriculum objectives across multiple subjects, and useful resources for parents.</p>
Website	https://responsiblegambling.vic.gov.au/reducing-harm/schools/
Information for parents	https://responsiblegambling.vic.gov.au/reducing-harm/parents/

Financial Literacy Resources

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	
Organisation	Australian Government
Target audience	All
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	National
Description	<p>The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) site is the authoritative reference source for up-to-date information on consumer law, rights and protection.</p> <p>The website provides a wealth of information, tools and resources relating to a broad range of subjects; from online shopping and scams, to health, home and motor vehicles.</p> <p>One resource, <i>Helping students be mobile savvy</i>, provides a series of multimedia classroom activities designed to help teenagers navigate the costs of mobile phones and understand their consumer rights.</p>
Website	https://www.accc.gov.au/consumers
	https://www.accc.gov.au/about-us/tools-resources/helping-students-be-mobile-savvy
Buy Smart	
Organisation	Queensland Government
Target audience	Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	Queensland
Description	<p>The Buy Smart competition is a Queensland Government education initiative designed to engage and encourage young people to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • become financially literate; • avoid scams; and • learn their consumer rights. <p>Comprehensive teachers resource kits are customised to suite students at different levels, with information on a range of topics, presentation ideas and classroom activities provided to help guide students with their competition entries.</p>
Website	https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/fair-trading-services-programs-and-resources/buy-smart-competition

Financial Basics	
Organisation	Financial Basics Foundation
Target audience	Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	National
Description	<p>The Financial Basics Foundation is a non-profit organisation providing free financial literacy resources to educators around Australia.</p> <p>The Foundation's program, <i>Operation Financial Literacy</i>, is a 12 module resource for secondary school teachers mapped to the Australian curriculum.</p> <p>The Foundation has also developed an online financial literacy game for secondary school students, called <i>ESSI Money</i> (Earning, Spending, Saving and Investing), which allows participants to achieve an understanding of the basic concepts surrounding financial management.</p>
Website	http://www.financialbasics.org.au/
MoneySmart	
Organisation	Australian Government
Target audience	Primary school years Secondary school years Young adults
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	National
Description	<p>ASIC's MoneySmart Teaching program is one of the key initiatives of the <i>National Financial Literacy Strategy</i>.</p> <p>This site, auspiced by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), has a wealth of information and advice for people of all ages.</p> <p>The MoneySmart program for teachers is aligned to the Australian curriculum, both primary and secondary school streams, and is supported by state and territory education authorities, as well as the Australian Council of State School Organisations.</p> <p>The financial literacy requirements of young people transitioning into adulthood are covered in the MoneySmart Rookie program.</p>
Website	https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/teaching
Information for parents	https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/life-events-and-you/families/teaching-kids-about-money

National Financial Capability Strategy

Organisation	Australian Government
Target audience	All
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	National
Description	<p>Building on from the Government's <i>National Financial Literacy Strategy 2014-17</i>, this website, led by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), provides the framework for the <i>National Financial Capability Strategy 2018</i>.</p> <p>The Strategy drives and supports initiatives “to help Australians be in control of their financial lives”: to support people to manage their money; make informed decisions; and plan for the future.</p>
Website	https://financialcapability.gov.au/strategy/#home

Practical Money Skills for Life

Organisation	VISA Corporation
Target audience	Primary school years Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	National
Description	<p>Practical Money Skills for Life is a financial literacy website established by VISA to help educate people of all ages.</p> <p>The site provides educators with access to a variety of free resources, including teacher's guides and activity sheets, catering to students from kindergarten through to year 12.</p>
Website	http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com.au/for-educators/

StartSmart

Organisation	Commonwealth Bank Foundation
Target audience	Primary school years Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	National
Description	<p>Established by the Commonwealth Bank Foundation, this site offers two comprehensive financial literacy programs for students customised to their needs, interests and levels of learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StartSmart Primary; and • StartSmart Secondary. <p>The programs are delivered by way of free facilitated workshops and the provision of interactive teacher resources. Teacher resources include lesson plans, videos and animations to engage students.</p> <p>Both the primary and secondary school programs are mapped to school curricula in each state and territory.</p>
Website	https://startsmart.com.au/

Youth Central	
Organisation	Victorian Government
Target audience	Secondary school years Young adults
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	Victoria
Description	<p><i>Youth Central</i> is a Victorian Government initiative for young people aged from 12 to 25.</p> <p>The website contains information and tips on a comprehensive range of topical issues and encourages young people to participate by either submitting an idea or contributing an article for publication.</p>
Website	https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/advice-for-life/finances

Cyber Safety Resources

bCyberwise	
Organisation	Life Education Australia
Target audience	Primary school years
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	National
Description	<p>bCyberwise is a curriculum based program developed by Life Education Australia to explore various aspects of cyber safety, including how to recognise a safe website, protect your personal information and how to be respectful online.</p> <p>Life Education is one of Australia's largest independent health and safety education providers for school aged children using mobile learning centres to visit schools and deliver programs.</p> <p>The program has also developed educational apps and take home material to support parents at home.</p>
Website	https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/teachers/bcyberwise
Information for parents	https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents/bcyberwise
Budd:e	
Organisation	Australian Government
Target audience	Primary school years Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	Yes
Scope	National
Description	<p>Budd:e is part of the broader Australian Government cybersecurity initiative designed to create a safer more secure online environment for all Australian children.</p> <p>The program offers two learning modules, for primary and secondary school students, where children play games for points that can be used to build their own robot, while learning important online safety practices and behaviours.</p> <p>Both modules have online interactive activities and resources developed in consultation with teachers and subject matter experts. Resources include lesson plans and curriculum maps for each State and Territory.</p>
Website	http://portal.ccg.s.nsw.edu.au/curriculum/budde/index.html

eSafety	
Organisation	Australian Government – Office of the eSafety Commissioner
Target audience	Primary school years Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	National
Description	<p>This is the website for the Office of the eSafety Commissioner which is responsible for co-ordinating and leading the online safety efforts of the Australian Government, industry and the not-for-profit community.</p> <p>The site provides a wealth of authoritative information and resources to help educate the community about online safety, including specific content and resources for schools and parents.</p> <p>A recent initiative is the <i>Yes Project</i> which invites students to explore their online culture to identify how it could be improved.</p> <p>A comprehensive range of teaching resources is made available, with both standalone lesson plans and virtual classrooms offered.</p>
Website	https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources
Information for parents	https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents
Information on online gaming	https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/gaming
eSmart	
Organisation	Alannah and Madeline Foundation
Target audience	Primary school years Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	National
Description	<p>Initiated by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, the eSmart program was developed to help schools improve cyber safety and reduce cyber bullying.</p> <p>Its framework covers the entire school community (teachers, students, parents and the library) and provides the policies, practices and whole-school change processes required to create and support a cyber-safe environment.</p> <p>This program is free in Victoria.</p>
Website	https://www.esmart.org.au/

ThinkUKnow	
Organisation	Australian Government
Target audience	Secondary school years
Aligned to curriculum	No
Scope	National
Description	<p>ThinkUKnow is an internet safety program developed by the Australian Federal and State police in partnership with information technology corporations.</p> <p>This program provides presentations to Australian parents, carers and teachers and students, either face to face or digitally.</p> <p>There is a section for parents and carers providing a variety of resources, including fact sheets, guides and videos, to explore online safety.</p>
Website	https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/
Information for parents	https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/parents-portal

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