Social media for kids: to tweet or not to tweet?

Tuesday 27 March 2012
5.00 - 7.30pm, registration from 4.30pm
Napier Building, lecture theatre 102 (1st floor)
University of Adelaide (North Terrace campus)

Dr Barbara Spears
School of Education, University of South Australia
What goes online, stays online: cybersafety issues for schools and parents

Dr Amy Slater
School of Psychology, Flinders University
NetGirls: internet use and body image in adolescent girls

Dr Carol Maher
School of Health Sciences, University of South Australia
Sedentary behaviour in children and adolescents - can it be harnessed for good?

Dr Pammi Raghavendra
Disability and Community Inclusion, Flinders University
“I even use Facebook in the taxi”: strategies to support Internet use to facilitate the social participation of young people with disabilities

Chaired by Professor Claire Roberts
The Robinson Institute, University of Adelaide

All Welcome - FREE admission : Networking with light refreshments from 6.30pm

RSVPs required by Friday 23 March
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Dr Barbara Spears is an internationally recognised expert in field of cyberbullying. She is a member of the Coalition to Decrease Bullying, Harassment and Violence in SA Schools; National Technology and Wellbeing Roundtable; National Centre Against Bullying and the European Cooperation in Science and Technology Action on cyberbullying. She has authored many publications, including the recent book The Impact of Technology on Relationships in Educational Settings (2012, Routledge). She is a member of the Young and Well Collaborative Research Centre examining role of technology in young people's mental health and wellbeing, and is leading the Safe and Supportive research strand exploring online social marketing of positive messages to young people through technology. She is co-director of Citizenship and Wellbeing Research Group in the Centre for Research in Education at UniSA and currently exploring role of bystanders in cyberspace and legal issues associated with cyberbullying.

Dr Amy Slater is a registered psychologist and Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the School of Psychology at Flinders University. Dr Slater's broad area of research interest is body image, specifically body image in children and adolescents. She completed her PhD in the area of gender differences in adolescent sport participation and the role of body image within this. Dr Slater is currently working on an ARC funded project entitled “Growing Up Too Quickly? Body objectification in adolescent and pre-adolescent girls (teens and tweens)” with Professor Marika Tiggemann. Some of her current projects involve investigating the role of the Internet on how adolescent girls feel about themselves and their bodies, the advertising content on websites aimed at teenagers and work on the premature sexualisation of girls.

Dr Carol Maher is an Australian Research Council post-doctoral research fellow, based in the Health and Use of Time Group in the School of Health Sciences, University of South Australia. She worked as a paediatric physiotherapist prior to completing a PhD in 2008, which involved the development and testing of an online physical activity self-management program for adolescents with cerebral palsy. Her research interests include epidemiological research into children's activity patterns (with a particular focus on physical activity, sedentary behaviours and sleeping patterns); intervention studies promoting sleep and physical activity in children and adults; physical activity for children with disabilities; and using the internet and social networking to deliver population health interventions. She currently supervises four PhD students.

Dr Pammi Raghavendra is a Senior Lecturer in Disability & Community Inclusion, School of Medicine at Flinders University. She is a speech pathologist with significant research, clinical and teaching experience in working with children and adults with disabilities, especially those with complex communication needs using augmentative and alternative communication. She was the manager of research at Novita Children's Services for over 12 years. Pammi has grants and publications in the area of understanding and measuring the participation of children with physical disabilities, especially those with complex communication needs, at home, school and community, and enhancing their participation using main stream and assistive technologies. Pammi has studied and/or worked in India, Singapore, USA, and Sweden.