

Project Rokit Hits South Gippsland

South Gippsland students are less than a fortnight away from experiencing Project Rokit's Dot Com Forum.

The Dot Com Forum will encourage students to dive deep into four hours of strengths-based, interactive content exploring cyberbullying and social leadership which will help students gain a better understanding of their impact online.

South Gippsland Shire Council is proud to host the forum, ensuring that young people in the region can build skills to deal with cyberbullying.

During the forum students will gain an understanding of the impact of cyberbullying and the concept of digital citizenship. The forum aims to give young people an opportunity to:

- Reflect on the role they play in cyberbullying situations online
- Share their experiences with cyberbullying and become empowered to tackle future incidences together
- Understand any previous bystander behaviours in cyberbullying situations
- Develop empathy for people experiencing cyberbullying
- Develop strategies for standing up to cyberbullying and protective/proactive behaviours

South Gippsland Shire Council's Community Strengthening Support Officer Sophie Dixon was excited to see how the students will interact with the forum.

"All the feedback we have heard about the Dot Com Forum and Project Rokit has been positive and young people who have previously attended a forum have often said it is an unforgettable experience.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to build a supportive environment against cyberbullying and starts the conversation for students who may have experienced cyberbullying but haven't had the strategies to deal with the situation.

"South Gippsland is extremely lucky to have Project Rokit visit our region and we are certain the 300 year nine students attending will be far from disappointed," said Ms Dixon.

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