



BE AHEAD OF THE GAME

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INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS –

Gambling Harm Awareness Week

Talking to young people about gaming and gambling

When: Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 10.00 – 11.00am

Where: REALM library Ringwood

REGISTER NOW

Join this **Free information session** to understand how the blurred line between gambling and gaming is placing young people at risk of harm. Discover the gambling-like tactics and features used by the designers of many popular online games played by young people and discover how parents and carers can help to keep them safe.

Delivered by EACH – Gamblers Help Eastern the one-hour session will cover:

- how some video games expose young people to gambling
- loot boxes, simulated gambling and microtransactions
- signs of gaming addiction
- how to keep young people safe.

The session is open to parents and carers of school students and young people and any other interested people

Registrations now open

To find out more about this information session, contact Penny Christie penny.christie@each.com.au

Or book here [Gambling and Gaming Awareness for parents | Your Library](#)

WHY SHOULD PARENTS AND CARERS BE CONCERNED?

Even though it is illegal for people under 18 to gamble, many online games played by young people either simulate gambling or have gambling-like features, such as loot boxes. In fact, **62% of the 82 best-selling video games feature loot boxes.** [Read more.](#)

WHAT IS BE AHEAD OF THE GAME?

Be Ahead of the Game is a gambling awareness program for young people. It helps school communities understand how young people may be affected by gambling and mitigate the risks. The research-backed program is developed by the [Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation](#) in partnership with [Gambler's Help](#) community educators.

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