

Australia bans social media for kids

Social media companies in Australia must take “reasonable steps” to ensure that children under the age of 16 cannot engage with their platforms and that all existing accounts in that age range are deleted

BANNED APPS



FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM



KICK



REDDIT



SNAPCHAT



THREADS



TIKTOK



TWITCH



X (TWITTER)



YOUTUBE



■ **Dec 10, 2025:** New law – world-first policy popular with parents – begins following government study that concluded **96% of children aged 10-15** used social media and that **seven out of 10** of them had been exposed to bullying and harmful content, such as misogynistic material and pro-suicide themes

■ **Feb 10:** Marks annual **Safer Internet Day**, which sees 180 nations draw attention to issue

ALLOWED APPS



DISCORD



GITHUB



CLASSROOM*



LEGO PLAY



MESSANGER



PINTEREST



ROBLOX



STEAM†



WHATSAPP



YT KIDS‡

Current as of Nov 21, 2025 – lists open to re-evaluation. *Google Classroom. †Includes Steam Chat.

‡YouTube Kids. Sources: BBC, Australia eSafety Commissioner Picture: Unsplash © GRAPHIC NEWS