

2026 cohort recruitment

# netsafe YAS Youth Action Squad

Empowering rangatahi  
voices to lead online  
safety change...

**Ready to Lead?**





## Why it matters

The Netsafe Youth Action Squad (YAS) is a national group of young people who work alongside Netsafe to create a safer and more positive online world. YAS is youth-led and empowers young people to speak up and take action on the issues that affect them most in the digital space. Squad members help to shape Netsafe's work, inform national policy conversations, design peer-to-peer projects, and gain leadership experience.

## Who can join

- Students starting Year 10 or Year 11 in February 2026.
- No experience required – just the confidence to share your ideas in the group.
- Applications open December 2025.

Monthly online hui and occasional in-person event opportunities (travel for the student and an accompanying adult is paid for). One year term of service with the opportunity to extend if continuing on at school.

## Commitment



## What members (and their schools) gain

- ✓ Leadership opportunities
- ✓ Mentoring and training from experts
- ✓ A chance to co-design campaigns, resources, and events
- ✓ Stronger school digital citizenship culture
- ✓ School leaders recognised nationally (references for students)

# How to apply

**Deadline: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Contact [yas@netsafe.org.nz](mailto:yas@netsafe.org.nz) to register your interest as a student (or to nominate a young person as a teacher or school leader).

Please tell us the school name, region and year of study (10 or 11) beginning in 2026.



**For more information, visit**

**[netsafe.org.nz/our-work/youth-action-squad](https://netsafe.org.nz/our-work/youth-action-squad)**