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## What is web filtering?

Web filtering software restricts access to websites in a network.

The Department uses web filtering on our network to help students and staff to stay safe online.

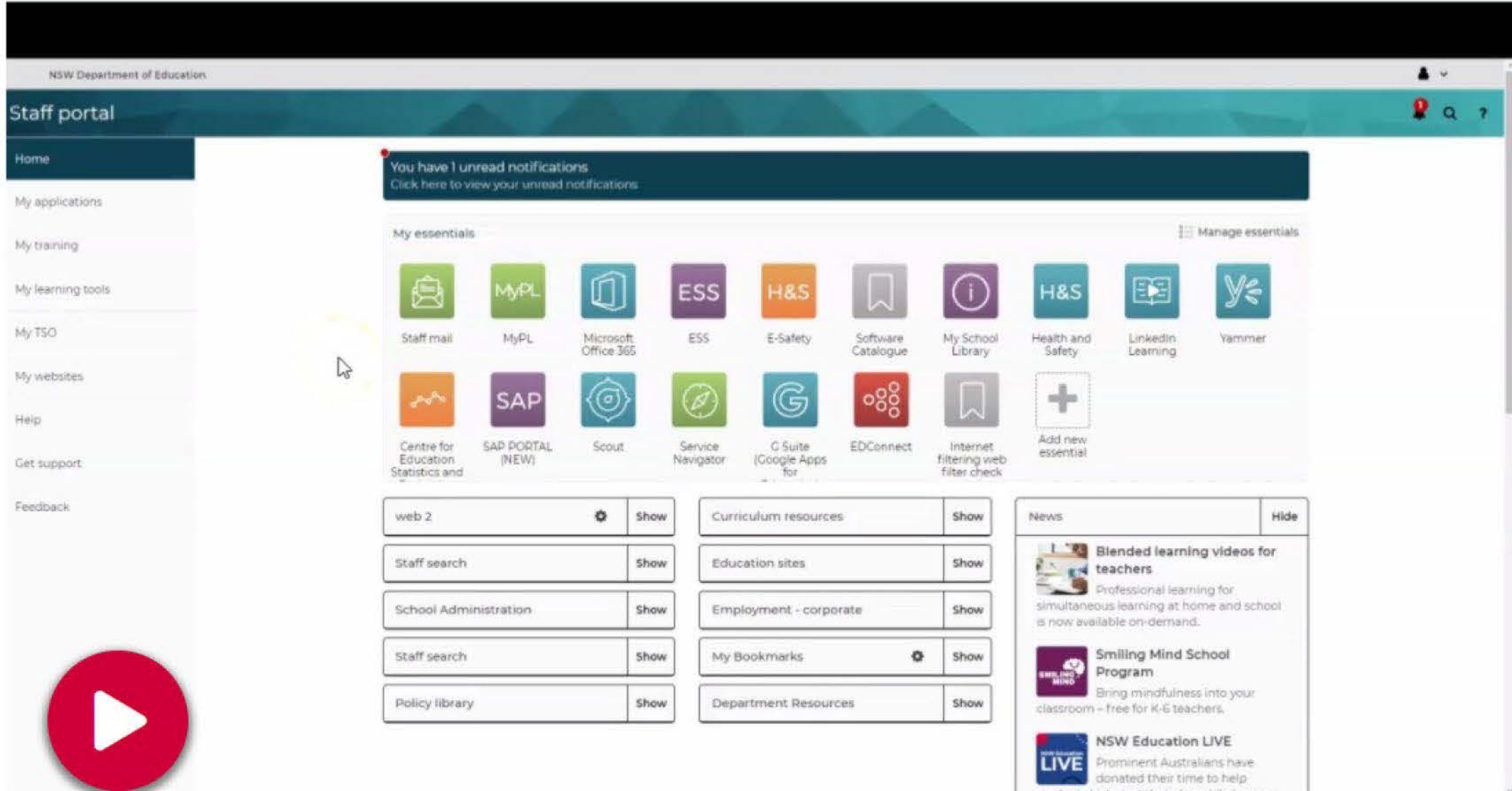
The Department provides web filtering software based on a school's Internet connection system. There are two ways for schools to connect to the Internet:

- Schools that are non-Internet at Edge (I@E) use Blue Coat
- Schools that are I@E use Palo Alto

Blue Coat and Palo Alto classify websites according to the subject matter and assign them filter categories. Sometimes each web filter system can have websites assigned to different categories.

Students of different ages get access to different categories. Staff can access most categories that students are unable to access. Learn more about the [filtering categories and access](#).

## Adding web filter check to your essentials



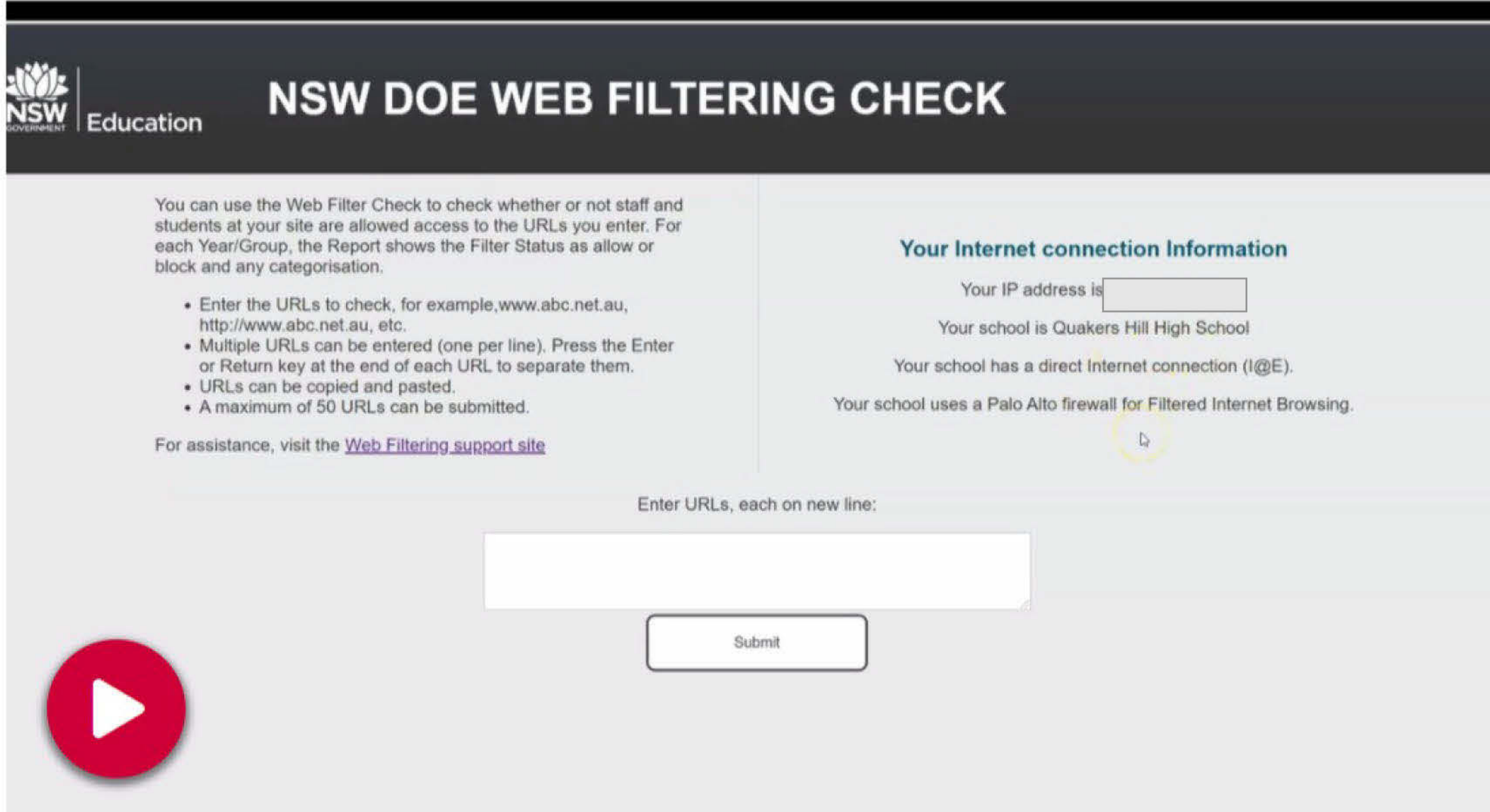
### Access the web filter tool

Transcript of video- adding web filter check to your essentials

Web filtering is a software provided by the department to ensure the safety of internet services in schools. Staff can use the Web filter check tool to access this service. In this video, we are going to look at how to use this tool via the portal.

So the first thing to do is to log in to the portal and click on My applications. In the search field type web filter. You will see the tool in the results. Click on show details. In the pop-up, click on add to my essentials list. Now go back home and you will see the tool in your dashboard. This is how you can add a tile to your portal dashboard for the web filter check tool.

## Checking your school's internet specification



### Check the school internet specification

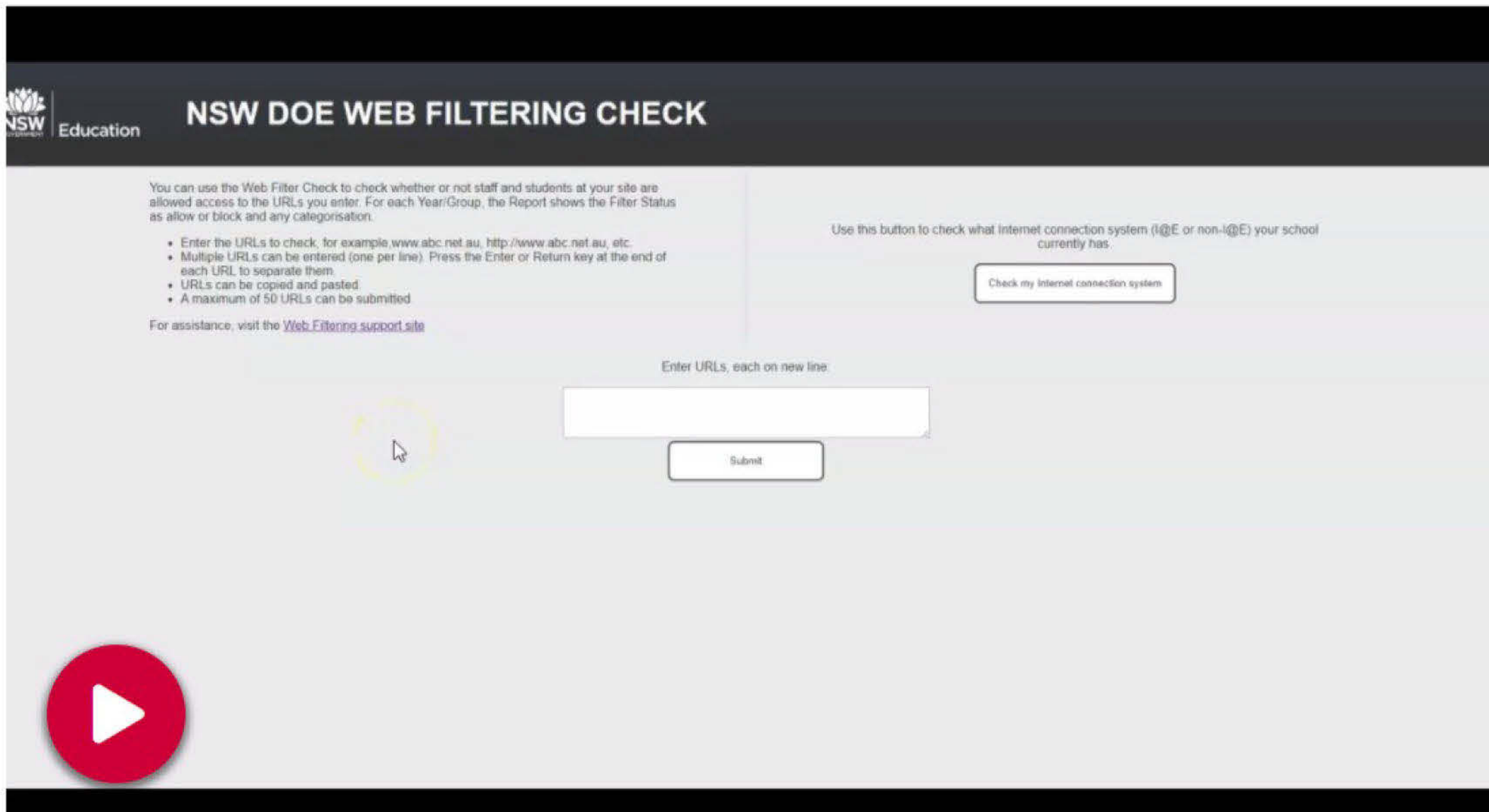
Transcript of video- how to check the school's internet specification

Now that you have added the tool to your portal, let us see how we can use it to check the school's internet specification. Click on the tool so that it opens in a new tab.

This is the new look DoE web filter check. You can check if your school is a blue coat or an I@E school by clicking on this button. Once the check is performed it shows you that your school is called Quakers Hill High School for example and that your school has a direct internet on the edge connection and it uses the Palo Alto firewall.

This is how you can check whether your school has blue coat or I@E. This information will be helpful in the next section.

## Checking a website for school internet users



### Checking a website for school internet users

Transcript of video- how to use the web filter check tool

Now, we will see how we can use the new internet web filtering tool.

Inside the tool, read through the instructions at the top to familiarise yourself with what is required.

It tells you that you can copy and paste multiple URL's but you should enter them one per line and the maximum number of URL's that you can enter are 50.

I have two websites open that I am going to copy the URL from and paste them in the space provided.

Make sure you press enter at the end of each URL so that you enter the second one in a new line.

Now that we have two URL's sitting here we can press submit.

It takes a little bit of time to process and shows the results for each.

The first one was National Library of Australia and that you can see that it is allowed for all students and staff.

The second one was the Steam games website which you can see is categorised as games and access is only allowed for staff.

This is how you can use Internet web filtering tool to search for certain websites and to see whether they are allowed or blocked inside the department's network.

Please remember, that this tool only works inside the department's network so you will not be able to access it off-site.

Also, a reminder that if you need websites to be blocked or unblocked you will have to log an online query through EdConnect online or you can call them on 1300 32 32 32.

Thank you for listening.

## How to use the web filter tool

[Web filtering work around processes \(DOCX 2.06 MB\)](#)

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