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St Joseph's School **School Based Guidelines (Parents) – Social Media/Photographs**

Parents Guidelines

Social media opens communication between students, staff and parents. St Joseph's School encourages parents to participate in this communication but requests that parents always act responsibly and respectfully, understanding that their conduct not only reflects on the school community, but will be a model for our students as well.

Parents should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Parents with cameras should only photograph their own children/family members at school events.
- Be aware that many social media sites have age restrictions that do have implications for their primary aged children. Parents need to monitor their children's online social media activity and read the terms and conditions of various social media sites and applications their children are interested in using.
- Parents need to be aware that they are in breach of terms and conditions if they set up a personal account for their children to use if they knowingly understand that age restrictions apply.
- Before uploading photos, audio or video, parents need to seek appropriate permission from any individual involved. This most particularly applies in relation to the privacy of other families and the staff of St Joseph's School.
- At any time, you may request to have a photo of your child taken down from our social media or school website.
- Online postings and conversations are not private. Do not share confidential information, internal school discussions, or specific information about students, staff or other parents,
- Be conscious of the fact that expert advice given is that all users of social media sites should do whatever they can to not identify any child by name or associate them with a particular school,
- Parents will not use classroom social media sites for any illegal activity, including violation of data privacy laws,
- Parents should not distribute any information that might be deemed personal about other students participating in the social media activities,
- Parents should not participate in spreading false or unsubstantiated rumours or false information regarding the St Joseph's School community and its members.



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Consequences of Breaching this Policy

Non-compliance with this policy may be grounds for disciplinary action or a breach of the Code of Conduct. If there is a breach of the St Joseph's School social media Policy, the school will undertake action, and the non-compliance will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

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