



Using Social Media

Rationale

Teachers and other staff at Jennings Street School have a duty of care to take reasonable steps to protect students from risks, injury, or harm that should have reasonably been foreseen, including those that may be encountered in the online learning environment.

Aims

The “using social media” policy provides guidelines to support staff to take reasonable steps enabling students within our school community to act in a safe and responsible manner when using digital technologies.

To acknowledge every student’s right to feel safe at school (including broader learning situations such as digital learning environments)

Implementation Strategies

- This policy will be established along with **Acceptable Use Agreements** that are developed in collaboration with teachers, students and their families. The agreements will identify expected standards of behaviour for students and the consequences for breaching these standards.
- Classroom programs must clearly establish the educational purpose for the activity, the appropriate tools, online spaces, search engines etc., which support the activity’s educational purpose.
- Social media will not be accessed during instructional teaching and learning hours unless introduced.
- Teachers are required to supervise all learning environments; online spaces are also considered a learning environment therefore students require supervision to work in these spaces.
- Teachers will establish an adequate system of supervision in order to monitor online access.
- This duty also requires protection from risks that could arise (that is, those that the teacher should reasonably have foreseen) and against which preventive measures could be taken.
- Teachers will respond to an online incident as soon as they have knowledge of its occurrence.

Related Policies:

[Personal Liability of School Employees](#)

[SERS Insurance Claims and Settlement Process](#)

[Volunteer Workers](#)



EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed every three years or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

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