



Marsden
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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Appropriate use of social media and electronic devices policy

Technology provides some great teaching and learning opportunities, and at Marsden State High School, we are proud of how our whole school community embraces technology. Online communication and social media sites/applications (apps) provide a great mode for our school to reach out to our community, celebrate success and share information. These communication platforms also present some challenges where it is used inappropriately, misguided or can have a negative outcome for others. Our school and community will not accept use of social media that impacts the safety and wellbeing of others. This policy outlines our expectations and the consequences that may be applied.

| Advice for appropriate use of social media and online behaviour | Inappropriate use of social media and electronic devices | Laws and Consequences |
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| <p>When using social media it is important you consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping all personal information (for example full name, address, phone number etc.) private, and this (yours or others) is not shared • Consider what you post or say before making this available online. Once something is posted online, you lose control over who has access to this • Do not post anything you would not be happy for the entire world to see • If the message you are posting is something you would not say in person, do not share it online • Consider the tone and context of what you are saying • Never use inappropriate or abusive behaviour | <p>Examples of inappropriate use of social media include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use during school time • Bullying/harassment • Sharing inappropriate content via any platform including AirDrop. Students should not accept AirDrops from unknown devices. • Recording or taking images of others • Recording inappropriate behaviours • Recording staff • Anything that brings the school's reputation into disrepute • Used as a communication device during school time • Phones/devices not on silent • Charging devices at school • Listening to music or gaming (unless directed by the teacher for educational purposes) | <p>School disciplinary action (including behaviours outside of school, however impact on school)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative practices • Confiscation of device • Suspension and/or exclusion • Referral to the Police • If involving people who are not students, referral to parents/carers/police to resolve <p><i>Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth), and the Criminal Code Act 1899 (QLD) contain relevant provisions applicable to online actions. Examples of offences include (but are not limited to):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlawful stalking • Computer hacking and misuse • Possession of child exploitation material • Involving a child in making child exploitation materials • Making child exploitation material • Distribution of child exploitation material • Criminal defamation <p><i>**All charges carry significant penalties, including imprisonment**</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Appropriate use of electronic devices</u></p> <p>During curriculum time, phones and other devices should be used only for educational purposes under the direction of the teacher.</p> <p>Before school, during breaks and after school, phones and other devices are permitted when used appropriately. Students should pay particular attention to the examples of <i>inappropriate use of social media and electronic devices</i> outlined in this policy.</p> <p>When communicating with staff, students should only do so through their EQ email address (or other school approved platform) and for school related matters.</p> | | |