

## Rossmore Facebook Rules of Engagement

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In joining our community on Facebook please be aware that Rossmore Public School's Facebook page follows both the DEC Code of Conduct and Facebook terms and conditions.

What this means for our learning community:

- The Facebook terms and conditions state that no one under the age of 13 years should have a Facebook profile. Therefore, any students under 13 who 'Likes' the page or 'Comments' on the Rossmore Public School Facebook page will be deleted and reported immediately.
- The Department of Education and Communities has strong advice for teachers 'Friending' parents and students on Facebook detailed in the Code of Conduct 2014.

The line between your professional and personal life could become blurred making it difficult to manage your professional relationship with the parents when that becomes necessary. You also need to bear in mind that becoming a Facebook friend with a parent could result in their children getting access to your account as well. You also need to be mindful that you need to be careful what you say on Facebook if you have parents as friends as comments made online can be misunderstood and could result in parental complaints made to your Principal.

In short, please do not ask to friend a member of staff on Facebook as refusal often offends.

Comments agreement:

- Although Rossmore Public School actively encourages interaction from Facebook users we are not responsible for comments or wall postings made by visitors to the page.
- The administrators of the RPS Facebook page reserve the right, to remove comments that are racist, sexist, abusive, profane, violent, obscene, spam, that advocate illegal activity, contain falsehoods or are wildly off-topic, or that libel, incite, threaten or make ad hominem attacks on RPS students, employees, guests or other individuals.
- Comments or messages selling products or promoting commercial, political or other ventures outside of the Department of Education and Communities are not permitted and will be deleted.

RPS Facebook administrators will remove content, and in some cases ban users if comments contain:

- Offensive abusive, obscene, profane, hateful or racist content, links or images
- Comments that threaten or defame any person or organisation
- The direct, full name or descriptive reference to an individual, irrespective of the post's tone
- Solicitations and advertisements by other organisations or endorsements by other organisations or endorsements of other organisations not approved by the Principal

- Multiple or repetitive posts by a single user or repetitive posts copied and pasted or duplicated by single or multiple users
- Anything else that the school deems inappropriate and does not align with our values, standards, policies and guidelines.

Please be aware that comments are also subject to Facebook's Terms of Use and Code of Conduct, and when posted by students may be subject to action in line with the Suspension and Expulsion of School Students – Procedures 2011.

By Liking our page you have agreed to the guidelines and conditions listed above.

For further information regarding the use of our official Facebook Page please contact the school directly (02) 9606 5551