

## **Randwick Public School Rules of Engagement for Facebook**

In joining our community on Facebook, Randwick Public School follows both the DoE Code of Conduct and Facebook terms and conditions.

### **Students**

Please note that the Facebook terms and conditions state that no one under the age of 13 years should have a Facebook profile. Therefore, any primary students who 'Like' or comment on the Randwick Public School Facebook page will be deleted and reported immediately.

### **Posting, Tagging or Naming Student Photos**

Photos of students are posted with reference to DoE publishing permission forms, completed on enrolment. For children's privacy and protection, please do not tag photos of children, and please do not name them your comments. On rare occasions and with parental permission, students may be named by the school FB admin team. Tagging of parents or friends within the comment box is permitted, with the understanding that all other rules of engagement are followed.

### **Comments Policy**

- Randwick Public School encourages interaction from Facebook users but is not responsible for comments or wall postings made by visitors to the page.
- Comments posted also do not in any way reflect the opinions or policies of Randwick Public School.
- RPS asks that people making comments on the page show respect for their fellow users by ensuring the discussion remains civil, especially since Facebook allows individuals 13 and over to join.
- Comments are also subject to Facebook's Terms of Use and Code of Conduct.
- Remember that your name and photo will be seen next to your comment, visible to the tens of thousands of visitors to the page.
- We reserve the right, but assume no obligation, 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.
- We also do not permit unsolicited messages selling products or promoting commercial, political or other ventures.
- Facebook encourages all users to utilise the "Report" links when they find abusive content.

### **Friending Staff on Facebook**

Please note that the Department of Education has this advice for teachers 'Friending' parents on Facebook: 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.***