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In joining our community on Facebook, Mount Hutton 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 student who 'likes' or comments on the Mount Hutton Public School Facebook page will be deleted and reported.

## *Facebook Code of Conduct*

Our Facebook page is a place where we want to build our community and school culture. We celebrate the positives of our fantastic school community. When parents, carers and families speak about or interact with their school in a positive way, it enhances student connectedness, wellbeing and ultimately learning outcomes. Mount Hutton Public School believes that our families' online behaviour reflects the same standards of respect, consideration, responsibility and maturity that are required when communicating in person.

We ask you to please take some time to familiarise yourself with our Code of Conduct and engage with us on Facebook!

## *Etiquette*

Our Facebook page is to be a celebration of our community and we are happy to see support for various posts via a Facebook comment or a 'like'. Mount Hutton Public School reminds all families that our page is not the appropriate forum for raising personal issues. Matters involving any of our students, families or staff should not be raised on our Facebook page. We encourage you to contact the school directly if you have matters that require attention.

## *How to Interact with our Facebook Page*

Users will be able to comment on the school's postings and on comments by other users. Users will also be able to 'like' a post or comment by clicking on the like button. Users are reminded that if you choose to 'like' our page, a thread is automatically linked to your personal Facebook page which then becomes accessible to others. It is therefore recommended that you regularly review your own Facebook settings.

## *Moderation and Blocking*

Mount Hutton Public School reserves the right to set the strength level of the Facebook profanity filter and to add additional words and names to the block list. We reserve the right to remove any content that we believe is in breach of these policies, guidelines and the values of our school.

## *Actions Resulting from any Breaches of the Code of Conduct*

Actions resulting in breaches to this policy may include prohibiting a user from interacting with the school's Facebook page. Mount Hutton Public School reserves the right to ban any user from interacting with its Facebook page for breaches of the Code of Conduct.

## *The Law and Facebook's Terms*

Mount Hutton Public School's Facebook page operates under the Commonwealth Telecommunications Act and Facebook's terms, of which both are enforceable. Mount Hutton Public School will remove content if it contains:

- Offensive, abusive, obscene, profane, hateful or racist comments
- Comments that threaten or defame any person or organisation
- Solicitations and advertisements by other organisations
- Endorsements of other organisations
- Any content the school may deem inappropriate
- Any content which does not align with our values, standards and policies

## *Comments Policy*

Mount Hutton Public School encourages interaction from Facebook users but is not responsible for comments made by visitors to the page. Comments posted may also not reflect the opinions or procedures of Mount Hutton Public School. We ask that comments on the page show respect for 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 all 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 widely off-topic, or that libel, incite, threaten or make attacks on Mount Hutton Public School students, employees, guests or other individuals. We also do not permit messages selling products or promoting commercial, political or other ventures unless these companies have provided paid sponsorship to our school and we are advertising their contribution.

## *Friending staff on Facebook*

Please note that the Department of Education has this advice for teachers 'Friending' parents and carers on Facebook: "The line between your professional and personal life could become blurred making it difficult to manage your professional relationship with 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 may offend.

## *Links and Resources*

<https://m.facebook.com/terms.php>

<https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/social-media-policy>