



# STUDENT SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Students at the Australian Islamic College enjoy the opportunities and reward that being a member of the College brings. It is subsequently expected that students will uphold the ethos of the College within and without and in all Social Media interactions. Students will not act in such a way that the image of the College is brought into disrepute nor in a way that harms members of the College community. Australian Islamic College expects its students to use Social Media in a respectful and responsible manner. Social Media should not be used to insult, present offensive or inappropriate content or to misrepresent the College or any member of the College community.

## **RATIONALE**

The purpose of this Policy is to set standards of behaviour for the use of Social Media that are consistent with the broader values and expectations of the AIC community.

## **DEFINITION**

**Social Media** – refers to all social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, Form spring, YouTube and MySpace, MSN, Stumbleupon etc and includes email and mobile devices

**SCOPE** This Policy applies to students of the Australian Islamic College.

## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Students are expected to show respect to others, including members of the College community. Students are also expected to give due respect to the reputation and good name of the College.

When using Social Media, Students are expected to ensure that they:

- Respect the rights and confidentiality of others;
- Do not impersonate or falsely represent another person;
- Do not bully, intimidate, abuse, harass or threaten others;
- Do not make defamatory comments;
- Do not use offensive or threatening language or resort to personal abuse towards each other or members of the AIC Community;
- Do not post content that is hateful, threatening, pornographic or incites violence against others;
- Do not harm the reputation and good standing of Australian Islamic College or those within its community;

- Do not film, photograph or record members of the College community without express permission of the College or use film, photographs or recordings without express permission of the above.

## **CCTV**

Australian Islamic College has CCTV cameras in all 3 campuses for the following purposes:

- To help ensure a fast, effective police response in emergency situations.
- To assist in the detection and prosecution of offenders.
- To help secure a safer environment for those on campuses.

Please be aware that the cameras are not used or installed in the following places such as:

- in private locations such as toilets
- staff rooms

\*Please note that any damages made to the CCTV cameras by the student or staff are required to pay the cost required to install the new CCTV camera.

## **BREACH OF THIS POLICY**

A breach of this policy may also involve a breach of other Australian Islamic College policies, and should be read in conjunction with the other policies.

A breach of this policy will be considered by the Principal or his/her Delegate, such as Deputy Principal/Dean of Students and will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

All reports of cyber bullying and other technology misuses will be investigated fully and may result in a notification to Police where the College is obliged to do so. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the loss of computer privileges, detention, suspension, or expulsion from the College. Students and Parents must be aware that in certain circumstances where a crime has been committed, they may be subject to a criminal investigation by Police over which the College will have no control.

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