



## FACEBOOK POLICY

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### 1.0 Overview

The Quinns Baptist College Facebook page has been developed to encourage past, present and future families, friends and staff of the College to interact with the College through an online forum. We trust that the College Facebook will provide a place for our community to participate in the promotion and celebration of the College's ethos and values.

For further information, please contact the Quinns Baptist College Student Services at [secondarystudents@qbc.wa.edu.au](mailto:secondarystudents@qbc.wa.edu.au)

By following the guidelines below, all members of our online community will feel welcome and valued.

### 2.0 Guidelines

Users are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. RESPECT – It is important that all members of the community are treated with dignity and respect. Please don't use hostile or obscene language, or make negative comments about students, families, staff or the College. This is a page for supportive conversations and is not a forum for debating controversial or personal issues.
2. FAMILY-FRIENDLY – Our Facebook page has users that are under 18 years of age. Explicit language and images have no place here.
3. RELEVANT – Please stick to the topic of discussion. Off-topic personal conversations that have no relevance to the post should stay on your personal Facebook page.
4. FRIEND REQUESTS – QBC discourages teachers and students from being friends on Social Media and it makes it difficult if parents send friend requests to teachers because it enables students to view teachers' Facebook pages. To avoid offence please refrain from sending staff at the College friend requests.
5. NON-COMMERCIAL- The College does not accept posts of a commercial nature on our Facebook page and these will be deleted.
6. PERSONAL DISCLOSURES - If you have personal concerns or are worried about something relating to your child or yourself please contact the school by phone or email and direct your concerns to the College Deputy Principal or Principal. Please do not post personal or urgent issues on the QBC Facebook Page.

7. **TAGGING AND IDENTIFICATION:** For safety and protection reasons, QBC Facebook users are advised that tagging friends into a comment or post is not appropriate.
8. **USER IDENTIFICATION:** As it is customary for users to register their accounts in their full name, QBC Facebook users will have their names visible identifiers in most cases. **Profile Photos and Cover Page:** Staff and student QBC Facebook Users are advised to use a respectful and appropriate image of themselves when communicating through our Facebook page.
9. **IMAGES:** Online users are reminded that inappropriate images may be considered a breach of our Rules of Engagement and may be deleted. Equally, online users are reminded that images can remain in the digital environment for many years.
10. **LEGAL –** Please be aware of copyright laws, intellectual property rights and the privacy law when posting, sharing and commenting. The College will delete posts that contain discriminatory or defamatory posts that relate to ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation or belief; or that encourage illegal activity. Facebook requires individuals to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account. Providing false information to create an account is always a violation of our Statement of Rights and Responsibilities. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of under 13 year old children by older parties. We cannot monitor the age of users on this Forum and ask that parents take the responsibility of making sure your child is the correct age to be using Facebook. All actions on this page are subject to the Facebook Terms of Service. Our Facebook page is moderated and any post that violates our guidelines will be deleted.