

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School Facebook Group

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School, Merbein (OLSH) is pleased to announce that we are embracing the use of social media by creating a school Facebook Group to better connect with our school community. Social media has become an integral part of society and now plays a vital role in how we inform, share and create in our community. However, when social media is used inappropriately, serious issues may arise.

For this reason, OLSH would like to reiterate our intentions for the introduction of an official school Facebook Group and enlist the support of the community to ensure its use is entirely appropriate and delivers a safe, positive and happy experience.

The purpose of this Facebook Group will be to:

- Keep the community informed of upcoming events by providing information about what is happening at OLSH
- Provide photos of special events that showcase student learning, student achievement and highlight the positive experience OLSH has to offer our students
- Link positive stories that highlight our school and student involvement in the community
- Congratulate staff and student on achievement

The Facebook Group will be available to:

- Parents of students currently enrolled at OLSH
- Caregivers of students currently enrolled at OLSH
- Direct relatives of students currently enrolled at OLSH

At OLSH we have a strong Digital Technology program and within this a comprehensive Cybersafety Program to help educate our students about staying safe online and the correct use of digital technology in and out of a school setting. The OLSH Facebook Group should be used as a platform to model exemplary online behaviour and set a positive example for students on how to interact using social media.

OLSH reserves the right to remove content if it contains:

- 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
- Multiple or repetitive comments by a single user
- Repetitive comments copied and pasted or duplicated by single or multiple users
- Misrepresentation of OLSH or any member of the school community
- Messages selling products or promoting commercial, political or other ventures
- Anything else that the school deems inappropriate and does not align with our values, standards, policies and guidelines.

Access to the OLSH Facebook Group is a privilege and not a right. OLSH reserves the right to restrict access and manage the group as deemed appropriate by the school. OLSH reserves the right to delete the group if the need arises.

To report any inappropriate content, please contact the Principal or notify the administrator of the Facebook Group.

By requesting to join this Facebook Group, members agree to adhere to the restrictions as stated above and agree to use it appropriately.

To find the Facebook Group, search OLSH Merbein and submit a request to join the group.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

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