



AUSTRALIAN  
ISLAMIC COLLEGE

# STUDENT SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

**Dianella College** 81 Cleveland Street, Dianella, WA 6059 **Ph** 08 9375 9770

**Kewdale College** 139 President Street, Kewdale, WA 6105 **Ph** 08 9362 2100

**Thornlie College** 17 Tonbridge Way, Thornlie, WA 6107 **Ph** 08 9493 2718

**Forrestdale College** 651 Nicholson Road, Forrestdale, WA 6112 **Ph** 08 9493 5819

**Henley Brook College** 10 Asturian Drive, Henley Brook, WA 6055 **Ph** 08 9375 9892

**Adelaide College** 22A Cedar Avenue, West Croydon, SA 5008 **Ph** 08 8340 7799

## 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 including staff, students, volunteers and visitors. Australian Islamic College expects all students who use Social Media platforms to do so in a respectful and responsible manner. Social Media should not be used to insult, present offensive, derogatory or Islamically inappropriate content nor 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 College and its broader community.

## DEFINITION

**Social Media:** Refers to all social networking sites which includes, but is not limited to, Facebook, X, TikTok, LinkedIn, Instagram, Google+, Form spring, YouTube, MySpace, MSN, Stumbleupon, Snapchat etc and includes email and mobile devices.

## SCOPE

This Policy applies to all College students on or off school premises.

## 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 which includes AIC staff and students.

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

- Respect the rights and confidentiality of others including College staff, students, volunteers and visitors
- 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 College Community
- Do not post content that is hateful, threatening, pornographic or incites violence against others
- Do not harm the reputation and good standing of the College or those within its community
- Do not film, photograph or record members of the College community nor use film, photographs or recordings without the express permission of the College.

The Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 amended the Online Safety Act 2021 by requiring age-restricted social media platforms to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 years from having accounts on their platforms. These platforms include Snapchat, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram and X. It is therefore expected that students will ensure they comply with these age restrictions by the end of 2025.

## CCTV

Australian Islamic College has CCTV cameras in all schools 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 nor installed in the following places:

- Private locations such as toilets
- Staffrooms

\* Please note that any damage made to any CCTV cameras by a student or staff member, are required to pay the cost involved to install a new CCTV camera or repair the CCTV camera.

### **BREACH OF THIS POLICY**

A breach of this policy may also involve a breach of other College policies and therefore should be read in conjunction with the College's other policies.

A breach of this policy will be considered by the Principal or their Delegate, such as Deputy Principal, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, Behaviour Coordinator, etc 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.

### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

Online Safety Act 2021

Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024

Privacy Act 1988

Reviewed Date: [December 2024]

Approved by: [Executive Principal]

Next review: [December 2025]