

Facebook Policy

Policy Statement

Australian Paramedical College's (the College) Facebook forum ("the forum") is a valuable tool that allows for sharing of information about all things Paramedical.

While we encourage individuals to share thoughts and opinions on the forum, we expect that this will be done in a respectful manner.

The College does not agree with or endorse every comment that individuals post on our pages.

Purpose

Given the public and external nature of Facebook, it is important that those who engage on the forum understand the College's expectation.

This policy is designed to provide guidance on the appropriate use of the forum to ensure a positive online experience for all.

Scope

This policy applies to all who engage on the forum.

When engaging on the forum you must

- Agree that the ideas and thoughts expressed on the forum are not specifically those held by the College
- Understand that social media is a 24/7 medium however our moderations capabilities are not. We may not see every inappropriate comment right away, and we are trusting in the maturity of our community to ignore defamatory attacks and negative speech or respond politely.
- Interact online with the same respect, courtesy and professionalism expected in real life interactions
- Understand that it is impossible to perceive "tone" in online communications
- Only disclose and discuss publicly available information or non-confidential information
- Ensure content is constructive, accurate and not misleading
- Ensure prior written permission has been obtained from any individual whose image is identifiable
- Comply with the law, including but not limited to laws about copyright, privacy, defamation, contempt of court, discrimination and harassment

Prohibited use (You must not)

- Make any comment or post any material that is racially or sexually harassing, offensive, obscene, defamatory or discriminatory towards the College, its employees, students, individuals or third parties
- Make any comment or post any material that might create risk to the health and safety of the College employees, students, third parties or individuals, including material that is bullying, psychologically or emotionally violent, harassment, coercion, aggressive or abusive and/or makes unreasonable demands or undue pressure
- Make any comment or post any material that infringes copyright, is fraudulent, breaches intellectual property rights, constitutes contempt of court, constitutes stalking, breaches a court order or is otherwise unlawful.
- Imply or make a statement that gives the impression that the view/s expressed is that of the College.
- Use the forum to make a comment or post material that may damage the College's reputation or bring it into disrepute
- Post personally identifiable information such as addresses, email address and phone numbers of others

Breach

Should an individual fail to adhere to this policy, it will result in being removed immediately from the forum and appropriate legal action will be taken.

Where required you will be expected to cooperate with all attempts to remove any social media comment, post or online content where the College forms the view it is a breach of this policy or other policies and procedures of the College.

A person or persons who fail to action any request made by the College to remove any social media comment, post or online content could be exposed to legal action.

Complaints

Should you wish to make a formal complaint regarding prohibited use of the forum you can do so via our complaints and appeals policy and procedure as published on our website.