



Student Facebook Forum Policy

Policy Statement

Australian Paramedical College's (APC) Student Facebook Forum ("the forum") is a valuable tool that allows for the easy sharing and re-purposing of information, expanding the tools for education and research training available to students.

The forum was designed with students in mind to assist them to connect, collaborate and communicate with each other. We believe that online forms of expression are as important to student development as traditional oral and written expression.

Purpose

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

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

Scope

This policy applies to all Australian Paramedical College students who engage on the forum.

When engaging on the forum a student must

- Agree that the ideas and thoughts they express on the forum are not specifically those held by APC
- Understand that training, assessment and support staff will monitor but may not always respond to posts on the forum.
- Be assured that posts that are not approved to be published on the forum will be dealt with directly via private message or a direct phone call.
- 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 (a student must not)

- Communicate, publish or sell any assessments, assessment answers or request to help with such work
- Make any comment or post any material that is racially or sexually harassing, offensive, obscene, defamatory or discriminatory towards APC, its employees, other students or third parties
- Make any comment or post any material that might create risk to the health and safety of APC employees, students or third parties, 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 APC.
- Use the forum to make a comment or post material that may damage APC's reputation or bring it into disrepute
- Post personally identifiable information such as addresses, email address and phone numbers of other students

Breach

Should a student fail to adhere to this policy, it will result in the student being removed immediately from the forum and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

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

A student who fails to action any request made by APC to remove any social media comment, post or online content could be exposed to serious consequences, including termination of a student's enrolment.

Complaints

Students can make a formal complaint regarding prohibited use of social media via our complaints and appeals policy and procedure as published on our website.



Related Documents

Policy

[Complaints and Appeals Policy](#)

[Academic Integrity Policy](#)

Forms

[Complaints & Appeals Form](#)

Procedures

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