

CYBER SOCIAL NETWORKING GUIDELINES

Prepared by parents for parents – stick me on the fridge

As a parent, you know your student best. You may wish to discuss these suggestions with your student and tailor them appropriately.

You could consider:

1. Discussing whether being a member of a social networking site is in your student's best interests.
2. Ensuring that social networking privacy settings are set as private as possible.
3. Regularly checking the privacy settings on social networking sites with your student: say, in week 1 of each term.
4. Encouraging your student to regularly change his/her social networking password; say, in week 1 of each term.
5. Becoming a "friend" of your student on his/her social networking site.
6. Regularly reviewing your student's and his/her friends' social network pages with your student and discussing what images or comments you consider to be hurtful or inappropriate and why. Remind your student to apply the Grandma Test – is it something you wouldn't want your grandma to see?
 - Once a photo or comment is posted, it can never be permanently deleted.
 - Your student could be stuck with the consequences of one thoughtless act for the rest of his/her life.
 - Employers commonly review on-line histories of prospective employees.

These guidelines have been prepared by parents on the Brighton Secondary School (BSS) Cyber 1-to-1 Committee with input from BSS students, teachers and parents. If you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve them, then please email these to governingcouncil@brighton.sa.edu.au. Thank you.