

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL 'WHATSAPP' GROUPS

- Beaumaris North Primary School's WhatsApp Contact groups are set up by the **Parents & Friends** group, with the appointed Class Representative acting as the Administrator for each year group. ***Beaumaris North Primary School does not monitor the contact groups or communicate with parents via the contact groups.***
- These groups are intended to facilitate communication with parents and guardians, and to allow parents of each year group to communicate easily with each other regarding school/class matters, e.g., homework, school events etc.
- The P&F may communicate upcoming P&F events, fundraising activities, working bees and parent social evenings which may be of interest to parents to connect socially with others in the school community.
- Any opinions expressed are the opinions of individual members and may not be representative of the whole group or the P&F. Group administrators are not responsible for any comments posted by individual members of the group.
- Our school's WhatsApp groups may not be used to post inappropriate posts. Such posts include posting personal and/or business promotions, using inappropriate language, or voicing grievances about any individual members of the group. All posts must be consistent with the Department of Education's [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community policy](#), including:
  - parents/guardians model positive behaviour to their child/children and to the school community;
  - communicating politely and respectfully with all members of the school community;
  - working with the school to achieve the best outcomes for their child/children;
  - communicating constructively with the school;
  - making use of the expected processes and protocols when raising concerns;
  - following the school's processes for communication with staff and making complaints;
  - treating all school staff, students, and other members of the school community with respect.
- Please note that the school has a strict Child Safe protection policy on photographs and videos, so please do not take or circulate any in which a student appears unless you have received the permission of the students' parents to do so.
- All communication in a WhatsApp Contact Group is considered private and should not be disseminated outside that group by any individual member without permission.
- The group administrator will have the right to remove participants who do not abide by the Code of Conduct from school WhatsApp Contact Groups.
- By requesting to join a school WhatsApp Contact Group, participants agree to these rules. Please note, by joining a contact group you are sharing your phone number with other parents within your child's year. Once you join, you always have the option to leave the group.
- Please do not block up the group with replies of 'Thanks' and, where possible, please do not post on the groups after 9pm.