



MINARAH
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Cyber Bullying Policy

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Purpose

This Policy outlines the procedures involved in safeguarding students over the Internet. It explores the processes involved in regard to dealing with cyberbullying at Minarah College.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Parents and Community	
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1.0 Rationale

Bullying, harassment and violence are hurtful and destructive. Cyber bullying happens behind the screens. Bullying including cyber bullying, harassment and violence, is not acceptable in this school and will be dealt with seriously. The school will work with the school community and other services and agencies to support its students in being responsible and productive members of this community.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following other policies on our school website:

- ICT Usage Policy
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Welfare Policy
- Child Protection Policy

2.0 What is Cyber Bullying?

Cyber bullying is bullying behavior (that is hurtful, threatening or frightening and destructive) using digital technologies. It means treating others with a lack of respect.

The Current and emerging technologies used in school are enhancing communication and the sharing of information. Cyber bullying can occur using the following applications:

- The Internet
- Email
- Blogs, wikis, MSN, forums, webcams
- Instant messaging
- Social networking sites
- Video broadcasting sites (you tube)
- Chat Rooms
- Gaming Sites
- Mobile phones with camera and video functionality / Smart phones
- Instagram

3.0 Whom to report to?

Parents and students may choose to report incidents of bullying, including cyber bullying, to their class teacher in the first instance and, if the incident is serious or unresolved, to the P r i n c i p a l / s , School Counsellor, Deputy Principals or, to someone on the school's staff they have confidence in. It is difficult for the school to follow up on an incident if it is unaware of it and, therefore, reporting of incidents should be made immediately. It is important that parent's monitor their children's use of the internet.

4.0 Action taken

- Any reported cases of cyber bullying if it is unsolved by the class/roll call teacher, the matter will be referred to the students' welfare coordinators.
- The matter will be thoroughly investigated by the students' welfare coordinators and a plan of action will be developed and parents will be advised. When it is deemed necessary written accounts will be required from all those involved.
- The students involved will be made aware that the information will be kept in their individual

file in school's welfare system.

- If it is found that a student intentionally and falsely accused another of bullying then the accusing student will undergo the same process as the offending student.
- Minarah will use as appropriate the full range of sanctions to punish or remove students who bully fellow students or harass staff in this way either in or out of school
- The matter will be referred to the Deputy Principal / Vice Principal or Principal/s. Appropriate action will be taken according to our welfare policy which may include suspension/expulsion.
- In extreme cases, where the cyber bullying contains overt sexual content, threats to life/sexual
- assault and/or child protection offences, this will be referred to the police and the child protection authorities by the Principal/s
- Students who are bullied will receive the support from the school Counsellor.

More information and resources about cyber bullying can be found on:

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/cyberbullying.asp> www.acma.gov.au

www.cybersmart.gov.au

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