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Dear Parents/Guardians

Calvary Facebook Groups and Online Communication

One way we communicate in Junior School is via our Facebook groups. If you haven't already, I encourage you to join our campus Facebook group;

Calvary Christian College – Carbrook Junior School Community Group 2025

We also invite you to join the Facebook groups of the Stage your child/children are in this year. These are closed groups to only the parents of children in the stage. The original/old Carbrook Campus Community group will be archived by the end of Term 1.

To become a member of the closed stage group for your child/children, please search for the relevant groups below;

CalvaryCC Prep CBK 2025

CalvaryCC Stage1 CBK 2025

CalvaryCC Stage2 CBK 2025

CalvaryCC Stage3 CBK 2025

To preserve the confidentiality and integrity of our Facebook groups we only accept immediate family as members. There are privacy settings on each group and select staff are administrators who can post and accept new members. For all our stage and community Facebook groups, please answer membership questions to assist admin in recognising your connection to the College and approving your request.

Any public promotion of the College occurs through the **Calvary Christian College** Facebook page.

Please be aware of the following very important guidelines, applicable to all social media avenues. These guidelines are in place as a commitment to our corporate community responsibilities, as well as the privacy and protection of our children.

- You may only share photos of your child or those for whom you have express permission to do so, from the parents on your personal facebook page.

(There are children in the College, who for legal reasons, cannot have their photographs taken or shared.)

- Social media is a forum for appreciation, encouragement and sharing of the wonderful things happening in our College. If you have a question, concern or comment that does not meet this criteria, please talk to the person concerned privately. Social media is not the place to have these conversations and is a breach of our joint partnership as expressed in the enrolment contract.

Parent Facebook and Online Communication Groups

In the past there have been some closed groups (Facebook or Messenger), created by parents as a way to communicate and share photos within specific year levels or stages. We appreciate that these groups enable families to connect, to organise social events, send reminders of upcoming school activities, or share photos from special events not all parents can get to. We trust the conversations on these channels also support the reputation, ethos and values of the College.

For the well-being of our College community and all its members online, we would ask that parents in these groups adhere to the following:

- Only current College families be members of any social media or online communication group
- No tolerance on any negativity towards the College or any of its members
- Uphold the same values and policies as the College Facebook page
- Seek out assistance from a staff member if support is needed

If an issue were to occur on a parent group, we ask that the administrators of the page deal with it quickly and appropriately. Any breaches of confidentiality, or conversations that tarnish the reputation of our College should be brought to the attention of the Head of School.

Staff / Parent / School Communication

Multiple online groups and chat forums can create confusion with the communication of accurate information. As such, **always refer to emails or the College website or app for our weekly communication.**

Finally, please respect our staff by not asking them to be your personal Facebook friend. We also ask that you communicate to teachers via their email address, **not via text or Facebook Messenger.** If you prefer a face to face meeting, please book in a time with your child's teacher via email rather than impromptu meetings at the end or beginning of the school day.

Thank you for supporting the College in our endeavour to maintain a positive and uplifting culture both online and face to face. Communication in all its forms is a powerful tool that helps us connect and enhance our College community.

Yours faithfully

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