

FRANKSTON SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT/SEXTING POLICY

Rationale:

It is Frankston Special Developmental School policy that a student may not possess, view, send, or share pictures or text having sexual content while the student is on school grounds, at school sponsored events, traveling on school buses or other vehicles provided by FSDS.

Aim: To promote safe and respectful use of social media

Definition:

Frankston SDS strictly prohibits sexual material in electronic or any other form and includes but is not limited to:

- sexual material contained in a mobile telephone, camera phone, or personal digital assistant
- sexual material transmitted by text message, e-mail, or any electronic communication device.

A student who violates this policy is subject to one, more or all of the following:

- Exclusion from activities
- Counselling
- A positive behaviour plan
- Mandatory report to child protection
- Suspension /Expulsion

It is also a violation of Victorian criminal law to possess, create, photograph, exhibit, or disseminate certain categories of material of a sexual nature that meet the definitions of child exploitation or child pornography.

Implementation:

Students will be explicitly taught safe, respectful use of all social media

School personnel have the right to confiscate and turn off students personal devices (e.g. iPads/iPhones) containing inappropriate content and are required to report this behaviour to the school Principal.

It is mandatory for the principal/school personnel to report to child protective services whenever there is reason to believe that any student or other person is involved with child exploitation or child pornography.

Evaluation:

The policy will be reviewed annually.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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