

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The senior school has its own blog! 'What is a blog?' A blog is a website that is regularly updated and usually run by an individual or small group (A blog is not a chatroom). A school blog is an amazing tool that has the potential to enhance your child's learning and engagement.

We can use the senior school blog to:

- Create an interactive online environment for our students and parents
- Share information about what is happening in the school and senior sub school
- Celebrate a student's learning
- Give students opportunities to read and write posts
- Allow students and parents to comment on posts
- Post homework and extra learning experiences

Keeping our students safe is extremely important to us. Online blogs require special attention when it comes to behaviour and keeping safe. Therefore the following guidelines have been developed:

- Students will only be identified by their first name. All comments should have first names only.
- Only students who have parental permission (the signing of the "Online Publication of Students Images/Work/Videos and photo permission" form) are allowed to have their work, name or photo posted online.
- Posts will not include personal details about students such as addresses and family information.
- Parents are also asked not to use last names. (Post comments as John's mum or Sarah's Grandfather etc.)
- All comments submitted have to be approved by a teacher before they can be seen by others.
- Proof read your comments carefully. Check for spelling mistakes, write full sentences and words – no "text talk" please (for example lol, i, or u).
- Be polite, friendly, and encouraging.
- Have some humour, but be careful with sarcasm.
- If you disagree with someone, don't be rude about it; give constructive (helpful) feedback.

These guidelines will be discussed with all senior school students and our blog will operate in strict accordance with these rules.



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