

**Statement**

Respectful and productive communication between all members of the school community is considered important and highly valued by Bethany Christian School. Healthy lines of communication are encouraged via means of direct face to face conversations, phone communication or by written correspondence.

Rationale:

At Bethany, students have three rights that underpin our Behaviour Management Policy are; The Right to Respect; the Right to Feel Safe; the Right to Learn. This also applies to the communication within a school context.

Aims:

- To provide a safe, respectful and secure means of communication between all areas of the school community.

Implementation:

- School is considered a valuable learning time and therefore will not be interrupted by parent requests to speak to their child unless circumstances dictate otherwise (at the Principal or delegated authority's discretion).
- All access to social media must be directed by the school's Internet, BYOD iPad and Teacher Parent Online Communication Policies.
- All staff and the wider community will be familiar with the school's approach to communication.
- Parents or community members who harass members of our school will be managed in accordance with the law.
- Unresolved school-level issues will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy¹.
- The privacy, rights and sensitivities of all individuals involved will be protected in accordance to our privacy policy. Information concerning students is confidential and private and we will protect all students and families' dignity and respect.

¹ Complaints Policy was previously known as the "Grievance Policy"



Legislative Context

[Children and Young People \(Safety\) Act 2017](#)

[Child Safety \(Prohibited Persons\) Act 2016](#)

[Statutes Amendment \(Child Sexual Abuse\) Act 2021](#)

[Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 \(SA\)](#)

[Equal Opportunity Act 1984 \(SA\)](#)

[Sex Discrimination Act 1984 \(Cth\)](#)

[Education and Early Childhood Services \(Registration and Standards\) Act 2011 \(SA\)](#)

[Education Act 2013 \(Cth\)](#)

[Disability Discrimination Act 1992 \(Cth\)](#)

[State Government Funding Deed](#)

Relevant Standards and Frameworks

[Australian Student Wellbeing Framework](#)

[Child Safe Organisations National Principles](#)

[Disability Standards for Education 2005](#)

[Privacy Act 1988](#)

[Privacy Amendment \(Enhancing Privacy Protection Act 2012 \(Amending Act\)\)](#)

Relevant Cross Sector Guidelines

[Behaviour and Wellbeing Policy](#)

[Handling Complaints Procedure](#)

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