

**HIGHVIEW COLLEGE**  
**CYBER BULLYING POLICY**  
**Person Responsible – Director of Pastoral Care**



**Rationale**

- Highview embraces new developments in technology and encourages the positive use of all communication technologies between students.
- Highview has the right to monitor all electronic communications related to the school.
- Cyber Bullying is not permitted at Highview

**Aims**

- To provide a safe environment for all students and staff
- To provide a 'positive and inclusive' environment for all
- To put in place procedures to eliminate the inappropriate use of technology
- To support students who are involved in bullying/harassment incidents

**Definition**

**Cyber Bullying includes:**

- Insulting and ridiculing people in chat rooms.
- Posting malicious or private information about someone in blogs (online diaries).
- Posing as someone else in a chat room.
- Putting photos of people on the web accompanied by negative or derogatory comments.
- Using the web, chat rooms or mobile phones to spread malicious rumours, information or inappropriate photographs.
- Sending cruel or threatening messages.
- Tricking someone into sharing private or sensitive information and then sharing it online.

**Implementation**

- Cyber Bullying issues will be followed up as per the Behaviour Management Policy.
- Victims of Cyber Bullying will be supported as is the case with all victims of bullying.
- Incidents of Cyber Bullying that occur out of school hours will be followed up as a result of the impact they have within the College.
- All incidents of Cyber Bullying should be reported to the Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care and the appropriate Pastoral Care Coordinator.
- Families will be encouraged to report ongoing incidents to the police.
- Parents / guardians will be informed of their child's involvement in Cyber Bullying.

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