



ROVER SCOUTS AUSTRALIA SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

Aim

To ensure that members of Rover Scouts Australia do not compromise the integrity and the reputation of Scouting in Australia through social media websites.

Implementation

A social networking website can be defined as a website used to socialise or communicate. These include but are not limited to Facebook, MySpace, E-Blogger and Twitter.

No negative or incriminating comments, photos or videos attached to the Scout Association in any way is to be posted on such websites. This includes but not limited to, Scout banners in backgrounds, Rover Scouts wearing Scout related shirts, photos including Rover Scouts with alcohol or photos labelled with any Scouting insignia.

If a Rover Scout does put photos or comments on a social networking website deemed to be in breach of this policy, the Rover Scout responsible will be contacted and asked to remove it. Failure to remove the content will result in further action to be determined by the NRC or BRC depending on the severity of the case, which may lead to suspension of membership and notification to authorities.

Please be aware that social networking websites are not a private means of communication but can be accessed by the public, therefore, it is important not to share any disagreements or negativity towards Rover Scouts Australia or the Scout Association.

Should harassment of any kind take place on a social networking site towards any adult or youth, member or non-member, such as but not limited to sexual or verbal harassment; the Rover Scout will face an enquiry into their actions depending on the severity of the situation. This may lead to the Rover Scout being asked to leave the Scout Association and have the situation reported to the relevant authorities.

This policy is intended to complement local legislation regarding defamation, harassment and discrimination. Should a Rover Scout break the law on a social networking website the Scout Association will contact the police and other relevant authorities.

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