



Social Media Guidelines for Students

Remember that social media venues are very public, extremely so. Whatever you post is encoded and available for decades and centuries for those interested. Deleting cannot erase what has been spread through social media.

1. Post only what you want the world to see.
2. Don't post anything that you might regret, – angry comments, personal details, bad language, offensive comments and bullying or insulting words - anything that you wouldn't want your friends, parents, future children or future employer to see.
3. You can be sued for defamation by even agreeing to a comment that damages a person's reputation.
4. You can be sued for harassment for repeated negative messaging.
5. Be cautious about publishing photographs and providing personal details. Avoid phone numbers, addresses and birthdates.
6. Do not share your password with anyone.
7. Change your passwords regularly.
8. Copying someone's work without permission or acknowledging it is an offence.
9. Be mindful of phishing scams that arrive via email or on your Facebook wall. Particularly suspicious are those making big promises or "coming to your rescue", claiming something is about to go wrong.