

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!



Thurs	13 Nov	PP—YR 3 Swimming continues Interschool YR 3-6 selected students
Week 6		PP—YR 3 Swimming continues
Thurs	20 Nov	Senior Assembly RM 24 Uniform Shop 8.15am –9.15am
Wed	26 Nov	P&C Mtg 6.15pm—Dinner
Thurs	27 Nov	Junior Assembly RM 2 Uniform Shop 8.15am –9.15am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

School Board Nominations for 2026

We expect to be calling for nominations to fill 2026 vacancies on the Forest Crescent Primary School Board in the coming weeks. There will be both parent and staff positions available.

Our Board is an engaged and effective governing body, helping to ensure our continued focus is on creating the conditions for student success through its involvement in strategic planning. The Board is currently reflecting on the school improvement targets outlined in our Business Plan 2023–2025. Next year, as we begin developing our new Business Plan 2027–2029, the insights and perspectives of our Board will play an important role in shaping our direction. If you are interested in contributing to the governance of our school, I encourage you to consider nominating for a two-year term on the Board.

Student Leaders

Last week, our Year 5 students delivered their leadership speeches. It was wonderful to see so many students nominate for these positions and speak with such confidence and clarity. Congratulations to all who took part. The successful candidates will be announced at our whole-school Book Awards on 12 December.

At Forest Crescent Primary School, we view all senior students as leaders who model our school values. The additional responsibilities they take on are part of preparing them for the next stage of their schooling. Moving into high school brings new freedoms — and new responsibilities — and many of our Year 6

students are already learning this both in and beyond the classroom.

Our staff, supported by our School Chaplain Mrs Parish, are helping students navigate this transition. Mrs Parish is spending time with each class this term, discussing topics such as high school expectations, the upcoming social media ban and the concept of consent. We are fortunate to have her support, both in individual student wellbeing and through programs such as the Year 6 Transition program.

The role of a chaplain is to support student wellbeing as part of the school's pastoral care team. The role of the school chaplain is secular, and Mrs Parish is always respectful of the diverse values and beliefs within our school community.

Social Media Ban Information

Our Chaplain, Louise Parish, has been speaking to the year 6 students about the new Social media delay legislation. Over the page is a factsheet for parents to be informed about what to expect and how to support your child with the changes.

For more information and tips you can explore the esafety website.

[Http://www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

Students Not Returning in 2026

Each year families arrive at our school or leave for a variety of reasons. To assist with our planning, we ask that you notify the school office as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning in 2026. This does not include our graduating Year 6 students.

Please email forestcrescent.ps@education.wa.edu.au, call 9232 3550 or drop into the office.

Regards

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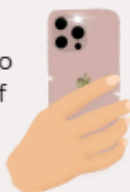
SOCIAL MEDIA BAN FACTSHEET

Factsheet for **parents** about the social media ban

What's happening?

The Government has made a law raising the **minimum age for social media use** in Australia to **16 years old**. That means children under 16 won't be allowed to access social media.

Why? The Government hopes to **reduce the negative** impacts of social media like cyberbullying, seeing inappropriate content.



When will social media be banned?

The social media ban will probably start on **10 December 2025**. This lines up with the start of school holidays.

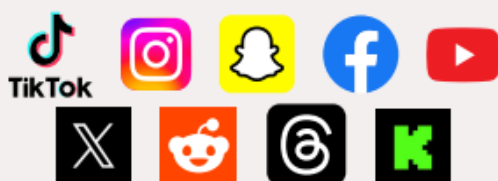


How will it work?

Social media platforms will need to check a user's age to make sure they aren't under 16. It's up to each social media platform to decide how they will verify age. That might be through ID, facial recognition or other age verification technology.



Which platforms will be banned?

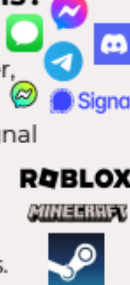


TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, X, Facebook, YouTube, Reddit, Threads and Kick will all be included in the ban.

Are there any exceptions?

Under 16s will be able to use:

- **Messaging** apps: Messenger, Messenger Kids, Discord, Telegram Messages and Signal
- **Online gaming** services (Roblox, Minecraft, Steam, Fortnite)
- **Health and education** apps.



Can I give my child permission?

Parents or guardians won't be able to give their consent for their young people to access social media before they are 16 years of age.

What if they already have social media accounts?

Even if children under 16 years old already have accounts, they **will not** be able to **access social media** once the ban comes into effect. They will be locked out until 16.



What about YouTube?

YouTube is a part of the ban. That means you won't be able to log into your YouTube account. You can still watch videos in as a guest in a browser.

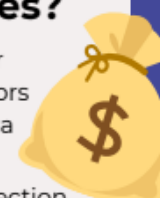


What are the penalties?

There is **no fine or punishment** for children, parents, carers or educators of children who access social media platforms despite the ban.



Strict privacy and data collection rules will apply meaning platforms **must not use** age verification data for **any other purpose**.



SOCIAL MEDIA BAN FACTSHEET



WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT?

What does this mean for my child?

The social media ban will be a big **challenge** for your child. We need to **support our children** to **transition** to life offline and help them to navigate this **significant life change**.



Empathise with your child

Imagine that the government made a law which said **you** could no longer use social media...it would be hard for any of us.

Be **open to their feelings** - the ban could feel unfair and like a punishment.

Avoid phrases like "it's for your own good" which shut down conversation.



Practical Tips to Prepare

Before 10 December 2025:



Save their Snapchat Memories to camera roll



Get their friends' phone numbers & contact details



Save copies of their posts that they want to access



Be careful of scams promising to reactivate accounts



Cancel subscriptions to social media platforms

Replace social media with other activities

Just because social media is banned doesn't mean children will automatically **change their behaviour**.

Given the choice, many kids will replace that time with TV, video games and other screen-based activities.

Encourage and support your children to **build communities** offline. Collaborate with other families to schedule **face-to-face time** where kids can **learn, grow** and **play** together.



Model good phone use behaviour

Unhealthy social media habits are not limited to young people.

52% of Baby Boomers and 67% of Gen X said they **spend more time on their phone than they would like** each day.

We can't expect our children to embrace the social media ban when we spend hours each day glued to our phones.



Where can I learn more?

The eSafety Commissioner's website contains lots of resources and the latest information about the social media ban. There are resources for parents and children written in accessible language, and which are full of practical tips. Visit: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

