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Official Statement on Cyberbullying and Responsible Use of Social Media

At Mount Carmel College, we place a high value on fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all members of our community. As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting ethical behaviour both on campus and in the digital sphere, we would like to remind all students of the importance of responsible social media use and the severe implications of engaging in cyberbullying or harmful online activities

Cyberbullying and Its Consequences

Cyberbullying, defined as the use of digital platforms to harass, intimidate, or harm others, is strictly prohibited under the policies of Mount Carmel College. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Posting, sharing, or distributing offensive, threatening, or hurtful content.

- Engaging in any form of online harassment or intimidation.

- Recording or sharing sensitive or inappropriate content without the consent of those involved.

Such actions can cause significant harm to individuals and damage the integrity of our academic community. Mount Carmel College takes these matters seriously, and any student found engaging in cyberbullying will face strict disciplinary measures.

Consequences may include suspension, expulsion, or legal action, depending on the severity of the violation.

Guidelines for Responsible Digital Citizenship

As representatives of Mount Carmel College, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour, both offline and online. We ask all students to adhere to the following guidelines when using social media:- Be mindful of the content you post or share, ensuring it aligns with the values of respect, empathy, and integrity.

- Avoid sharing material that could be harmful, inappropriate, or disrespectful to others.

- Obtain consent before recording or sharing any content involving other individuals.

- Refrain from participating in or encouraging any form of online bullying, harassment, or harmful behaviour.

- Report any inappropriate content or behaviour to the college administration.

College Policies on Social Media Use

All students are expected to comply with the college's **Digital Media Guidelines**, which are designed to ensure a positive and constructive use of social platforms. These guidelines emphasise:

- Respect for privacy and dignity.

- The responsible use of online platforms to foster positive interactions.

- Awareness of the long-term impact of online behaviour on one's personal and professional reputation.

Failure to adhere to these policies will result in disciplinary action, as outlined in the college's Student Code of Conduct.

Encouraging a Positive Digital Environment

We encourage students to use social media as a platform for constructive dialogue, creativity, and collaboration. By maintaining respect and responsibility in your online interactions, you contribute to a safer and more inclusive digital environment.

If any student is experiencing or witnessing cyberbullying or feels affected by online harassment, we urge you to contact the college administration or seek support through our counselling services. We are committed to ensuring the well-being of our students, both online and offline.

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