

Facebook Group for Parents/Carers

Facebook Group Name: **OAC Parent & Carer Community**

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/18osVvFaMo/>

Purpose and Goals

- **Getting to Know Each Other:** Building relationships by learning names, year groups, and each family's journey to OAC.
- **Creating Opportunities for Connection:** Encouraging informal catch-ups, and holding collaborative conversations about how we can support each other, our children, and the school or social events.
- **Sharing Challenges and Resources:** Promoting empathy and understanding by discussing the barriers to learning many of our children face, and sharing helpful tips, insights, and knowledge about navigating OAC systems—particularly to support new families and help all students thrive.

Group Expectations

- Respectful interactions is expected. Personal attacks and offensive language is prohibited.
- Posts should remain relevant to school matters: events, activities, announcements and discussions related to education and wellbeing.
- Advertising of products and services is prohibited unless related to school events and approved by the principal or delegate.
- Privacy is paramount; therefore, no personal information should be shared about themselves or students. Examples include addresses, contact information, use of surnames, student photos or other sensitive information.
- This is not the place to complain about staff or teachers. For issues of this nature must be addressed privately please refer to the [Parents Concern and Complaints Policy](#).

Membership and Access

- Parents / guardians / carers of current OAC students.
- To maintain security and privacy new members will be verified against information in DAYMAP.
- Please note that when your child is no longer enrolled, membership will be discontinued.
- The Facebook group is a private group.
- Requests for membership and maintenance of the membership is the responsibility of the Communications and Events manager.

Moderation

Moderation is critical to keeping the group constructive and positive.

- Governing Council will assign 1-2 parent Moderators. Executive leadership will assign 2 members to be moderators. Moderators are individuals who are active, responsible, and committed to maintaining a positive environment.
- The Events and Communication manager will be the key contact for the moderators.
- Posts require approval from a moderator before being visible to the group. This helps prevent spam or inappropriate content.
 - Moderators will act swiftly when rules are violated. Depending on the severity, this may involve issuing a warning, or removing a member from the group.

Administration

- The Communication and Events Manager has full control over group settings, including membership approval and content management.
- The Admin Manager is backup for the CEM.
- The CEM ensures open communication with executive leadership on matters that may arise regarding this group.

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Upon Joining Group – Guidelines / Agreements

To join this group, please answer the following questions:

(Your responses help us keep this a safe and supportive space for our OAC community.)

1. **Parent/Carer Name:**
2. **Student Name/s:**
3. **Student Year Level/s:**

Note: Your information will be used only to verify your connection to OAC and will not be shared.

1. Membership & Participation

- This group is exclusively for parents and carers of students currently enrolled at Open Access College.
- Membership requests must be approved before joining. Please allow up to **3–5 business days** for verification.
- Requests from individuals who do not meet the criteria will be declined.
- Please note that when your child is no longer enrolled, membership will be discontinued.

2. Group Purpose

This group is a space to discuss:

- School-related information, including events, schedules, and policies.
- Parenting support related to online and distance learning.
- General education discussions relevant to Open Access College students.
- Sharing helpful resources and experiences to support other families.

3. Posting Guidelines

To maintain a safe and respectful environment, please follow these rules when posting:

- Posts must be relevant to Open Access College, online learning, or parenting.
- Keep discussions respectful, supportive, and constructive.
- If asking for advice, be clear, polite, and considerate.
- No commercial advertising, promotions, or self-promotion.
- Do not share personal, sensitive, or confidential information about yourself, your child, or others. Parents must respect privacy by not posting student surnames, photos, or personal details.

4. Moderation & Reporting

- Moderators will monitor posts and comments to ensure compliance with these guidelines.
- To maintain a trustworthy space, misinformation, speculation, or unverified claims about the school, staff, or students will not be allowed. Any misleading or inappropriate content may be removed at the admin's discretion.

5. Agreement Confirmation

By requesting to join this group, you confirm that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by these guidelines. Failure to comply with these rules may result in removal from the group.

Let's work together to keep this space positive, respectful, and valuable for everyone.

For any questions, please contact the 'Open Access College – South Australia' moderator of the group.