



School Blogs

Dear Parents,

At St Michael's school, communication between our teachers and parents is of utmost importance. We use various methods of communication, including email, printed notices, the school newsletter, Twitter, phone contact and of course face to face contact. Another very important and increasingly popular form of communication are the **Learning Community Blogs** and the **Specialist Blogs**.

These blogs are special web pages where class information, news, notices, forms, homework, photos, videos and student work are shared. They also contain links to other blogs and websites and other useful educational resources. There is a separate blog for each learning community, as well as Creative Arts, German, Physical Education, ICT, Teaching & Learning, Library and Parents & Friends.

Our school blogs are hosted by **EduBlogs** (<http://edublogs.org/>), which is a worldwide blogging community designed especially for educational institutions. Of course, privacy, security and online safety are a high concern, and for this reason we have developed 'School Blog Guidelines', which are available for your reference.

The School Blogs and School Blog Guidelines can be accessed via the Parent Portal Page on the school website - <http://www.stmichaels.sa.edu.au/parent-info/school-blogs>

Our school blogs are an important means of communicating with you and are updated on a regular basis. For this reason it is important that you are notified by email when something new has been posted on our blogs. eMail notifications will be set up on your behalf, for each learning community that your children are in and also for each specialist blog.

If you would like any further information, or have any difficulties accessing our school blogs, please feel free to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

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