

Taking photographs or videos in schools

Sometimes people want to take photographs or videos in schools. Generally, taking photographs or videos on departmental premises should not occur unless the principal is satisfied there is a good reason. Where applicable, staff and parental or student permission should be obtained.

NSW Department of Education (Legal Issues Bulletin 35 - Misuse of technology in schools)



When CAN I take photos?



- ✓ **While my child is by themselves** (this includes on stage)
- ✓ **While my child is accepting an award**
- ✓ **After an assembly or performance** (child and family only)
- ✓ **Outside of school grounds**
- ✓ **During an event, but only when my child is 'in the frame'**

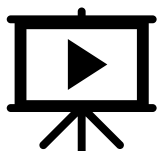
The person taking the photo needs to consider that no other student or staff member is visible in the photo. If you accidentally capture someone else in the photo and intend on uploading the photo to **social media**, please ensure you use the cropping tool to cut their photo from the image.

There is no power from the school to prevent people from taking photographs or videos outside the school. However, if concerns are held, inquiries will be made by an Executive Teacher with the person involved and, where appropriate, he or she may be asked to stop. If the person refuses the request and the Executive Teacher has continuing concerns, the police will be contacted.

When CAN'T I take photos and film?



- ✗ **No video recordings or filming on school grounds**
- ✗ **During group performances or group presentations**
- ✗ **Large groups of students** (including classes)



The school will allocate a staff member to take photos and videos which will be uploaded to the school's social media page. Parents and carers can access these photos. If the event is not being photographed or filmed, it is because of a direction from the Principal.



There will be reminders throughout the assembly, performance or presentation around photography and filming.

Q: What if I have permission from another parent to take photos of their child?

This may be okay. Just let that child's teacher know.