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Dear preschool families

## **INTERIM SAFE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND ONLINE ENVIRONMENTS POLICY FOR ACT PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS AND 2026 PRESCHOOL SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The [Interim Safe use of Digital Technologies and Online Environments Policy for ACT Public Preschools](#) is now in place for all ACT Government Preschools. Changes in this policy impact how we administer our annual Preschool School Photographs as outlined below. The National Law relating to this policy also applies to Companies engaged to take school photographs for preschools, requiring them to develop a policy regarding Digital Devices, Photography and Data Management and to seek specific parent / guardian consent before they can photograph preschool students.

### **2026 Preschool Photographs**

- Frogs and Spots            Tuesday 26 May 9:30 am
- Stripes and Turtles        Thursday 28 May – time to be confirmed.

Chapman Primary School have engaged [The School Photographer](#) to take our school photos in 2026. Class group and individual photos will be taken in the school hall. Students will be accompanied between the preschool and school hall by their teacher and educator in class groups.

### **Parent/Guardian Consent to be photographed**

Attached to this letter you will find

- **The School Photographer Parent / Guardian Consent Form (ACT ECEC),**
- **The School Photographer Safe use of Digital Devices, Photography and Data Management Policy (ACT ECEC) and**
- Your child's personalised order envelope.

### **Important Information for Preschools.**

For your child to be photographed by The School Photographer the **Parent / Guardian Consent Form (ACT ECEC)** must be completed and returned to the school photographer. This is an agreement between families and the photographer giving consent for the photographer to photograph your child. **Without receipt of this form, the photographer CANNOT photograph your child.** You are welcome to complete and return this form to your child's preschool teacher before school photo day.

The personalised school photograph order envelope explains the different packs available for purchase along with ordering and payment options. **Please do not send this envelope to preschool before photo day.** The purchase of and payment for school photos is a contract between you and The School Photographer. The school is required to comply with financial guidelines regarding money's held on school premises. **Order forms and payment cannot be accepted or held by the school.**

### **ORDERING: Message from The School Photographer**

- Online Payments – We encourage parents to place orders online *prior to School Photography Day*. Each student will receive an envelope or flyer with a unique online order code. Orders can be placed at: [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au)
- Cash Orders – Cash payments can be made using the order envelope. Please refer to the envelope for specific instructions.
- Student Photo Enquiries – Please direct all parent enquiries to:  
Email: [enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au](mailto:enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au). Phone: 02 9674 9824

**Remember**, ordering school photos is NOT CONSENT for The School Photographer to photograph your child. If you do not return the attached **Parent / Guardian Consent Form (ACT ECEC)** your child cannot be photographed.

### **Sibling Photographs**

**\*Important Information for Preschool families:** Due to the regulations placed on school photographers under National Law governing the Safe use of Digital Devices, Photography and Data Management Policy in Preschools, and the new parent / guardian consent requirements placed on photographers for preschool students, we are investigating whether preschool students can or cannot be included in sibling photos with their primary school siblings. Further advice will be sent to families once this decision is finalised.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school on [Chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Chapmanps.info@ed.act.edu.au) or on 6142 2400.

Yours faithfully

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Principal