Rationale
Wattle Park Kindergarten, representing DECD (Department for Education and Child Development), requires permission from appropriate adults (parents/guardians) to use and display photos, film and audio recordings of each child as well as comments and work samples from children in the kindergarten and in digital environments and for any media work.

Aims
The aims of the Wattle Park Kindergarten’s Media/Photo policy are to promote:

- Community confidence in our acceptable use of children’s media, including photos, film and audio as well as the comments and work samples of children.

Implementation
- This policy is for implementation throughout the year.
- Implement practices according to DECD Social Media Policy (available DECD website)
- DECD consent forms will be supplied to all families upon enrolment and completed forms will be filed at the kindergarten for the duration of a child’s time at kindergarten (available DECD website).
- Additional parent consent will be sought to display photos, work samples and comments from children within the kindergarten environment for the purpose of sharing learning and involvement in kindergarten experiences with other children and families in our community and promoting the kindergarten via our website and Facebook page.
- Once per year a commercial photographer will be approved by the kindergarten to take individual photographs and a group photograph of the children. Parents’ consent for their child’s photo to be taken and their first and last names to be supplied to kindergarten families with the group photo will be sought on enrolment.
- If a photo, film or audio recording of a child or comments and work samples are to be used for any other educational purpose not described in this policy special parent consent will be sought and full disclosure of the use (ie for training and development) of a specific photo, film or audio recording will be described.

For more information
National Quality Standard 6.1
National Quality Regulations 168 (2), 160,161,162, 177
DECD Social Media Policy
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