



Ground rules for Class Whatsapp groups in the Faculty of Health Sciences

The University uses class Whatsapp groups to:

- Relay **academic-related** messages to the class.
- Post **announcements or invitations** to events from official student societies/groups or house committees.

You should be aware of the following privacy-related rules:

- Your cellphone number is required to join WhatsApp and will be visible to anyone else in the same WhatsApp class group.
- Only class representatives are allowed to be administrators of these groups.
- Only administrators will be allowed to send messages.
- It is forbidden to misuse the cellphone number of any other members in the group.
- **Content shared is for members of the group only, and should not be shared with any third party.**
- You can choose to leave the group at any time.
- Consider the guidelines on [How to use WhatsApp responsibly](#)
- The following notice should be added on all groups:

Notice:

Dear students, as you know the POPI act was implemented in July 2021. To comply with the act one of the changes is that administrators of WhatsApp groups has to get permission from persons to participate in the group. For this reason, you are allowed to refuse permission and leave the group.

If you choose to stay on the group, you give permission that:

- *Your name and contact number will be visible to members of the group and you don't have any problem with that*
- *That you undertake not to use or share any personal information from any members of this group with any other people or groups.*

Please refer to the [University's Student Privacy Notice](#) for more information about how the University of Pretoria uses your personal information and your privacy rights.

The following institutional policies are applicable and available on the Policies pages on the student intranet:

- **Anti-discrimination policy** [<https://www1.up.ac.za/cs/groups/staffstudentsponsoredguest/documents/document/chby/ndy5/~edisp/uppr469706.pdf>]
- and operations manual [<https://www1.up.ac.za/cs/groups/staffstudentsponsoredguest/documents/document/chby/ndy5/~edisp/uppr469710.pdf>]
- **Code of conduct for students**
- [<https://www1.up.ac.za/webcenter/portal/wccdoc?dDocName=PRD139004>]
- **Disciplinary Code for Students**
- **Electronic Communications Policy**
- **Escalation policy**
- **General Academic Regulations and Student Rules**
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- **Information Governance policy**
- **Protection of Personal Information Policy**
- **Social media policy**