

## **ABSTRACT**

*Students who pursue education outside their area of residence require them to live separately from their parents. The difference in distance between children and parents causes interpersonal communication to be unable to be done face-to-face, so that it can cause relationships that begin to stretch. Technological advances, especially in digital communication, are a way out for overseas students and parents to keep in touch with each other, one of which is the video call feature on the WhatsApp application. But can WhatsApp video calls be a medium for maintaining interpersonal communication between parents and overseas students? Based on this description, this study was conducted to find out how the role of interpersonal communication mediated by the WhatsApp video call feature between overseas students and parents based on the Theory of social Information Processing proposed by Joseph Walther. This research uses a qualitative method with a case study design, data collection is done by means of in-depth interviews and documentation to Telkom University overseas students from West Java and their parents. The results of this study indicate that interpersonal communication can be maintained in parents and overseas students from Telkom University from West Java. The results of the study state that interpersonal communication occurs because of the exchange of messages with high intensity so that an impression is created by looking at the content of the conversation being discussed, voice intonation and facial expressions, it makes parents and children understand each other's conditions. Therefore, although communication through video calls still has many shortcomings, such as non-verbal messages that cannot be fully obtained, there are obstacles in the form of technical and psychological disorders, and also the busyness between the two, but both children and parents have their own way, by utilizing good features and the desire to communicate with each other so that interpersonal communication can be maintained.*

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