



Privacy Policy

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Mercy Values - OLMC Parramatta is a Christ-centred learning community founded in the Mercy tradition. The policies of the College, underpinned by the Gospel values of mercy and justice, serve to promote the dignity and uniqueness of each human person. Their aim is to foster the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, physical and social wellbeing of all members of the College community within a safe, healthy, caring and sustainable environment.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that in the course of the College's activities, we manage and protect personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all College staff, students, parents/guardians, contractors, volunteers and visitors to the College.

3. Key Definitions

APPs – Australian Privacy Principles

Privacy Act – Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988

Personal information – information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable



Sensitive information – includes any information or opinion about an individual’s racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, membership of a political association, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, membership of a professional or trade association, membership of a trade union, sexual orientation or practices, or criminal record. It also includes health information and biometric information.

Health information – a subset of sensitive information. It is any information or opinion about the health (including illness, disability or injury) of an individual.

4. Policy

This Privacy Policy sets out how the College manages personal information and a person’s rights in relation to their personal information, including how to complain and how the College deals with complaints.

The College is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 (Privacy Act). In relation to health records, the College is also bound by the Health Privacy Principles which are contained in the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW) (Health Records Act).

Under the Privacy Act and the Health Records Act, the Australian Privacy Principles and Health Privacy Principles do not apply to certain treatment of an employee record. As a result, this Privacy Policy does not apply to the College’s treatment of an employee record held by the College, where the treatment is directly related to a current or former employment relationship between the College and the employee.

The College may, from time to time, review and update this Privacy Policy to take account of new laws and technology, changes to the College’s operations and practices and to make sure it remains appropriate to the changing school environment. The current version of this Privacy Policy is published on our website.

Kinds of personal information we collect

The types of information the College collects includes (but is not limited to) personal information, including health and other sensitive information, about:

- Students and parents and/or guardians (‘Parents’) before, during and after the course of a student’s enrolment at the College, including:
- Parents’ education, occupation, language spoken at home, nationality and country of birth



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- Health information (e.g., details of disability and/or allergies, dietary requirements, absence notes, immunisation details, medical reports and names of doctors);
- Results of assignments, tests and examinations;
- Conduct and complaint records, or other behaviour notes and school reports;
- Information about referrals to government welfare agencies;
- Counselling reports;
- Health fund details and Medicare number;
- Any Family Court orders;
- Criminal records;
- Volunteering information; and
- Photos and videos at College events;

Job applicants, volunteers and contractors, including:

- Name, contact details (including next of kin), date of birth, and religion;
- Information on job application;
- Professional development history;
- Salary and payment information, including superannuation details;
- Health information (e.g., details of disability and/or allergies, and medical certificates);
- Complaint records and investigation reports;
- Leave details;
- Photos and videos at College events;
- Workplace surveillance information; and
- Work emails and private emails (when using work email address) and Internet browsing history; and

Other people who come into contact with the College, including name and contact details and any other information necessary for the particular contact with the College.

How we collect personal information

Personal information you provide: The College generally collects personal information about an individual directly from the individual (or their Parent in the case of students). This includes by way of forms, face-to-face meetings and interviews, emails and telephone calls.

Personal information provided by other people: In some circumstances the College may be provided with personal information about an individual from a third party, for example a report provided by a medical professional, a reference from another school or a referee for a job applicant. If a student transfers to a new school, the new school may collect personal information about the student from the student's previous school to facilitate the transfer of the student.

Personal information from other sources: We may also collect personal information through surveillance activities (such as CCTV security cameras) and student email monitoring.



Purposes for which we collect, use and disclose personal information

The purposes for which the College collects, uses and discloses personal information depend on the relationship between the person and the College and include the following:

Students and Parents:

- Providing schooling and school activities
- Satisfying the needs of Parents, the needs of students and the needs of the College throughout the whole period a student is enrolled at the College;
- Making required reports to government authorities;
- Keeping Parents informed about matters related to their child's schooling, through correspondence, apps, newsletters and magazines;
- Day-to-day administration of the College;
- Looking after students' educational, social and health wellbeing;
- Seeking donations for the College (see the 'Fundraising' section of this Privacy Policy);
- To satisfy the College's legal obligations and allow the College to discharge its duty of care.

Volunteers:

- To contact you about, and administer, the volunteer position;
- For insurance purposes; and
- Satisfying the College's legal obligations, for example, in relation to child protection legislation.

Job applicants and contractors:

- Assessing and (if successful) engaging the applicant or contractor;
- Administering the individual's employment or contract;
- Seeking donations for the College (see the 'Fundraising' section of the Privacy Policy);
- For insurance purposes; and
- Satisfying the College's legal obligations, for example, in relation to child protection legislation.

Who we disclose personal information to

The College may disclose personal information, including sensitive information, for educational, care and administrative purposes, and to seek support and advice. This may include to:

- Other schools and teachers at those schools, including a new school to which a student transfers to facilitate the transfer of the student;
- Government departments (including for policy and funding purposes);
- Medical practitioners;
- People providing educational, support and health services to the College, including specialist visiting teachers, coaches, volunteers and counsellors;



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- Organisations that assist us with fundraising (see the 'Fundraising' section of this Privacy Policy);
- Providers of specialist advisory services and assistance to the College, including:
 - in the area of Human Resources, child protection, students with additional needs
 - for the purpose of administering online services such as Microsoft 365, Google Apps for Education (GAFE), Apple and other cloud based services as necessary and deemed appropriate (see further the section below 'Sending and storing information overseas');
- Providers of learning and assessment tools;
- Assessment and educational authorities, including the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and NAPLAN Test Administration Authorities (who will disclose it to the entity that manages the online platform for NAPLAN);
- Agencies and organisations to whom we are required to disclose personal information for education, funding and research purposes;
- People providing administrative and financial services to the College;
- The provider of our information management and storage system and other information technology services;
- Recipients of College publications, such as newsletters and magazines;
- Students' parents or guardians;
- Anyone the College is authorised to disclose information to; and
- Anyone to whom we are required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws.

How we store personal information

We store your personal information in hard copy and electronically. We use information management and storage systems provided by third party service providers. Personal information is stored with and accessible by the third party service providers for the purpose of providing services to the College in connection with the systems.

The College may use online or 'cloud' service providers to store personal information and to provide services to the College that involve the use of personal information. See further the section below 'Sending and storing information overseas'.

Sending and storing information overseas

The College may disclose personal information about an individual to overseas recipients in certain circumstances, for instance, to facilitate a school exchange.

The College may use online or 'cloud' service providers to store personal information and to provide services to the College that involve the use of personal information, such as services



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relating to email, instant messaging and education and assessment applications. Some limited personal information may also be provided to these service providers to enable them to authenticate users that access their services and provide technical support. This personal information may be stored in the 'cloud' which means that it may reside on a cloud service provider's servers which may be situated outside Australia.

An example of such a cloud service provider is Microsoft 365. Microsoft provides platforms including Outlook and stores and processes limited personal information for this purpose. College personnel and its service providers may have the ability to access, monitor, use or disclose emails, communications (e.g., instant messaging), documents and associated administrative data for the purposes of administering Microsoft 365 and ensuring its proper use.

Fundraising

The College treats seeking donations for the future growth and development of the College as an important part of ensuring that the College continues to provide a quality learning environment in which both students and staff thrive. A person's personal information may be used to make an appeal to them. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the College's fundraising activities, for example, the College's Alumni Association and, on occasions, external fundraising organisations.

If you do not want to receive fundraising communications from us, please contact our Privacy Officer.

Security of personal information

The College has in place steps to protect the personal information the College holds from misuse, interference and loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure by use of various methods including locked storage of paper records and password access rights to computerised records.

These steps include:

- Restricting access to information on the College databases on a need to know basis with different levels of security being allocated to staff based on their roles and responsibilities and security profile
- Ensuring all staff are aware that they are not to reveal or share personal passwords



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- Ensuring where personal and health information is stored in hard copy files that these files are stored in lockable filing cabinets in lockable rooms. Access to these records is restricted to staff on a need to know basis
- Implementing physical security measures around the College buildings and grounds to prevent break-ins
- Implementing ICT security systems, policies and procedures, designed to protect personal information storage on our computer networks
- Implementing human resources policies and procedures, such as email and internet usage, confidentiality and document security policies, designed to ensure that staff follow correct protocols when handling personal information
- Undertaking due diligence with respect to third party service providers who may have access to personal information, including cloud service providers, to ensure as far as practicable that they are compliant with the Australian Privacy Principles or a similar privacy regime.

Access and correction of personal information

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act and the Health Records Act, an individual has the right to seek access to, and/or correction of, any personal information which the College holds about them. Students will generally be able to access and update their personal information through their Parents, but older students may seek access and correction themselves.

There are some exceptions to these rights set out in the applicable legislation.

To make a request to access, update or correct any personal information the College holds about a person, please contact the Principal in writing. The College may require you to verify your identity and specify what information you require. The College may charge a reasonable fee for giving access to your personal information (but will not charge for the making of the request or to correct your personal information). If the information sought is extensive, the College will advise the likely cost in advance.

If the College decides to refuse a request, the College will provide a written notice explaining the reasons for refusal (unless, in light of the grounds for refusing, it would be unreasonable to provide reasons) and how to complain.

Consent and rights of access to the personal information of students

The College respects every Parent's right to make decisions concerning their child's education.

Generally, the College will refer any requests for consent and notices in relation to the personal information of a student to the student's Parents. Generally the College will treat consent given by the Parents as consent given on behalf of the student, and notice to Parents will act as notice given to the student.



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Parents may seek access to personal information held by the College about them or their child by contacting the College Principal in writing (details in the section above 'Access and correction of personal information'). However, there may be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions may include (but are not limited to) where the College believes the student has capacity to consent and the College is not permitted to disclose the information to the Parent without the student's consent, where release of the information would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, or where the release may result in a breach of the College's duty of care to the student.

The College may, at its discretion, on the request of a student grant that student access to information held by the College about them, or allow a student to give or withhold consent to the use of their personal information, independently of their Parents. This would normally be done only when the maturity of the student and/or the student's personal circumstances warrant it.

Enquiries and complaints

If you would like further information about the way the College manages the personal information it holds, or wish to complain that you believe that the College may have breached the Australian Privacy Principles or the Health Privacy Principles please contact the College Principal in writing. The College will investigate any complaint and will notify you of the making of a decision in relation to your complaint as soon as is practicable after it has been made.

If you are not satisfied with our response, you may complain to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) via the OAIC website, www.oaic.gov.au.

5. Review

The Privacy Policy will be reviewed every year unless there is a legislative or regulatory requirement to do so earlier.

6. References

- 6.1. Related Policies, Procedures, Registers and Sites
Privacy Collection Notices

- 6.2. Related Legislation
Privacy Act 1988



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7. Communication

Audience	Communicated by	Communication pathway
All staff	College Principal	Email
Parents	College Principal	Website

Publishing this policy

Staff Portal
College website