



Standard Collection Notice

Mercy Regional College is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Ballarat and is owned, operated, and governed by Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL).

Collection of personal information

1. The school collects personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents/guardians/carers and family members before and during a student's enrolment at the school. This may be in writing, through technology systems or in conversations and may be direct from the individual or from another source. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the school, Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) to meet educational, administrative and duty of care responsibilities to the student to enable them to take part in all the activities of the school.
2. Some of the information the school collects are to satisfy the school's legal obligations in relation to discharging its duty of care, and to satisfy the legal obligations of the school's governing authority, Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL).
3. Laws governing or relating to the operation of a school require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include relevant education Acts and public health and child protection and immigration laws.
4. Health information about students, which includes information about any disability as defined by the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth), is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). The school may require medical reports about students from time to time and may otherwise collect sensitive information about students and their families.

Consequences if information is not collected

5. If any personal information requested by the school is not provided, the main consequences for the individual if all or some of the personal information is not collected by the school, is that it may affect the school's ability to enrol a student, respond to enquiries, provide the student with educational and support services or allow a person to visit the school.

Use and disclosure of personal information

6. The school may disclose personal and sensitive information for administrative, educational and student support purposes, or may permit the information to be directly collected by third parties. Other entities, bodies, or persons to which the school usually discloses personal information of the kind collected by the school include:
 - a) School service providers such as DOBCEL, the CECV, school governing bodies and other dioceses
 - b) Third-party service providers that provide online educational and assessment support services, of electronic document and records management systems, , line of business systems, training and support services, hosting services, and software-as-

a-service applications – for example, the Integrated Catholic Online Network (ICON) Google G Suite, and the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).

- c) DOBCEL and the CECV to discharge responsibilities under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 and the *Australian Education Act 2013* (Cth) relating to visa sub-classes, students with a disability, including audit processes and Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) quality assurance processes.
 - d) DOBCEL and the CECV to support the school by undertaking assessments of students for the purpose of educational programming or external providers of health services such as counsellors, psychologists, school nursing services, dental vans. Specific consent is obtained to collect and disclose sensitive information and health information if it is required as part of a service request, which may include release of relevant medical or allied health reports, educational planning and evaluation documents such as personalised learning/behaviour/medical management plans.
 - e) DOBCEL and the CECV to support the training of selected staff in the use of electronic document and records management systems and line of business systems, such as ICON and SAS.
 - f) Another school to facilitate the transfer of a student.
 - g) Federal and State government departments and agencies acting on behalf of the government for compliance or audit purposes, or data collections, for example February and August census processes and census audits, NAPLAN, Australian Early Development Census
 - h) People and organisations providing instructional services such as sports coaches, external training services, guest speakers, volunteers, counsellors and providers of learning and teaching consultancy support and student assessment services
 - i) Assessment and educational authorities, including the VCAA and the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
 - j) Staff providing administrative and financial services to the school
 - k) Anyone parents/guardians/carers authorise the school to disclose information to anyone to who the school is required or authorised to disclose the information by law, including under the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) and the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS), Child Protection and Mandatory Reporting Laws.
7. The school is required by the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth) and the *Australian Education Act 2013* (Cth) (AE Act) to collect and disclose certain information to inform the Students with Disability (SWD) loading via the NCCD. The school provides the required information at an individual student level to DOBCEL and the CECV, as an approved authority. Approved authorities must comply with reporting, record-keeping and data quality assurance and audit obligations under the AE Act. Student information provided to the federal government for the purpose of the NCCD does not explicitly identify any student.
 8. Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents/guardians/carers.
 9. If a parent/guardian/carer makes an enrolment application to another school, personal information including health information provided during the application stage may be collected from, or shared with, the other school.
 10. The school may disclose limited personal information to the school parish to facilitate religious and sacramental programs, and other activities such as fundraising.

11. The school may engage in fundraising activities. Information received from parents/guardians/carers may be used to make an appeal to the parent/guardian/carer. The information may be disclosed to organisations that assist in the school's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. The school will not disclose personal information to third parties for marketing purposes without parent/guardian/carer consent.
12. On occasion, information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and similar news is published in school newsletters and magazines, on the school intranet and on the school website. This may include photographs and videos of student activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. The school will obtain permission from the student's parent/guardian/carer and from the student if appropriate, prior to publication to enable the school to include such photographs or videos, or other identifying material, in the promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public. The school may obtain permission annually, or as part of the enrolment process. Permission obtained at enrolment may apply for the duration of the student's enrolment at the school unless the school is notified otherwise. Annually, the school will remind parents/guardians/carers to notify the school if they wish to vary the permission previously provided. The school may include student and parent/guardian/carer contact details in a class list and school directory.
13. The school may use online or cloud service providers to store personal information and to provide services to the school that involve the use of personal information, such as services 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. This personal information may reside on a cloud service provider's server which may be situated outside Australia.

Access to personal information

14. The school's Privacy Policy, accessible on the school's website, contains information about how parents/guardians/carers or students may access personal information about them that is held by the school and seek the correction of such information. The policy may be updated from time to time.

Disclosure to overseas recipients

15. The school may disclose personal information about an individual to overseas recipients to facilitate for example, a school exchange or a student overseas tour.
16. Where personal information is held by a cloud computing service provider on behalf of the school for educational and administrative purposes, it may be stored on servers located within or outside Australia.
17. Otherwise, it is not practicable to specify in this notice the countries in which overseas recipients of personal information are likely to be located.

Complaints

19. The school's Privacy Policy contains information about how parents/guardians/carers and students may complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how the school will deal with such a complaint.

Details of the school

20. The school and its contact details are:

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