

Privacy Policy



1 Rationale

St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe as part of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA), is firmly committed to protecting the privacy of its employees or prospective employees, students and family members of students, as they interact with us from time to time.

2 Application

This privacy policy applies to students, family members of students and employees. We aim to maintain a safe and secure system of handling your personal information, while allowing you to access your personal information as required. For this reason, we ensure that your personal information is handled in strict compliance with the Commonwealth Government's National Privacy Principles. Further information on Australian Privacy laws is available from the internet site <http://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy>

The policy sets out the principles that St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe and its constituent entities, adopts in order to protect personal information. These principles deal generally with the collection, use and disclosure, security, and access to personal information.

3 Definitions

- "College" means St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe;
- "Constituent Entity" means any group or committee associated directly to the College e.g. St Patrick's College Board, St Patrick's College Foundation, various support groups, etc...;
- "Employee" means each and every employee working within St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe including any job applicant or prospective employee or contractor;
- "Employee Record" means an employee record as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth);
- "Family Member" means a parent, step-parent, carer, legal guardian or family member of the student, as the context dictates;
- "Student" means prospective, current or past student of St Patrick's College, as the context dictates.

4 Collection of Information

- 4.1 St Patrick's College only collects personal information that is necessary for us to carry on our functions and activities as a private educational institution, including:
- matters relating to an Employee's employment by the College;
 - matters relating to the enrolment, education, welfare or health of a student;
 - matters relating to College functions or events;
 - matters relating to charitable donations or fund raising for the College and the Catholic Church generally, or charities supported or sponsored by us;
 - compliance with our statutory obligations in respect of adult interaction with minors; and
 - any other matter reasonably necessary to function as a private educational institution.
- 4.2 The constituent entities of the College (e.g. St Patrick's College, Foundation) may, in the course of their fundraising or support activities and interviews with persons associated with the Clause 5 below may receive personal and sensitive information that is voluntarily offered, pursuant to

Clause 5.1 however, generally they do not have the authority or need to actively seek and obtain Sensitive Information as described in Clause 5.4 below.

In the event that Personal Information or sensitive information inadvertently comes into the possession or knowledge of the College or one of its Constituent Entities, for which it has no need or authority to collect or keep that information then that information will be destroyed or removed from all records held by that entity as soon as is practicable.

5 Personal Information

- 5.1 Personal information means information or an opinion (including information or an opinion forming part of a database), whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual whose identity is apparent or can be reasonably ascertained, from the information or opinion. However, personal information for the purpose of this privacy policy excludes Employee Records for existing or former employees of the College.
- 5.2 Personal information pertaining to an Employee, Family Member or student MAY BE collected by the College where that information is required for the College to conduct its functions and activities as an educational institution.
- 5.3 Personal information that may be collected includes, but is not limited to:
- Family Members' names, telephone numbers, addresses, email addresses, vehicle registration details, marital status/problems, custody details, doctor's name and contact information, Medicare number, educational history and qualifications, occupations and professional associations;
 - A student's name, address, phone number, date of birth (and age), birth certificate, next of kin details, conduct reports, emergency contact numbers, names of doctors, diagnosed medical conditions, school reports, assessments, referrals (e.g. government welfare agencies/departments), correspondence with Family Members, photos, current/previous schools, health fund details and Medicare number;
 - A student's sibling(s) names and dates of birth;
 - An Employee's name, company name, phone number, email address, tax file number, date of birth, contact details of next of kin, emergency contact numbers including a doctor, residency status/work visa status, qualifications, education, academic transcript, work permit, passport, details of previous salary, salary being sought and other salary details, details of referees, bank account numbers, superannuation details, marital status, letters of appointment/complaint, warning/resignation, record of interview, leave applications, discipline issues, professional development appraisals, performance review, photograph, applications for promotion, references, commencement date, employment agency details and former employers; and
 - Information that is required to be collected for the purpose of the College's accountability for government funding.
- 5.4 Sensitive Information
- a) The collection of sensitive information is prohibited, except where that information is exempt sensitive information (see below).
 - b) Sensitive Information is personal information relating to an individual detailing:
 - racial or ethnic origin;
 - religious beliefs or affiliations;
 - health information about an individual;
 - political opinions;
 - philosophical beliefs;
 - criminal record;
 - membership of a political association;
 - membership of a trade union; and

- sexual preferences or practice.
- c) Exempt sensitive information is personal information relating to an individual detailing:
- racial or ethnic origin;
 - criminal record;
 - membership of a trade union;
 - religious beliefs or affiliations; and
 - health information about an individual.
- d) Exempt sensitive information may be collected by the College, where you acknowledge and agree to the collection of such information.
- e) This information would only be collected by the College to enable it to carry out its functions and activities as a private educational institution or where its collection is required for the College to meet its statutory obligations including those functions set out in Clause 4.1 above.

6 Use and Disclosure of Your Information

- 6.1 St Patrick's College, will only use your personal information or exempt sensitive information for the purposes for which it was collected. In the event we propose to disclose such information, otherwise than to a readily apparent third party or for use outside our business activities we will first obtain your written consent prior to such disclosure or use.
- 6.2 Your information may be disclosed to any of the entities making up St Patrick's College both in Australia and overseas, as well as its supporting groups ONLY insofar as the information relates to the functions and activities of those entities or supporting groups including:
- Parents and Friends;
 - the Trustees of the Christian Brothers;
 - the St Patrick's College Foundation;
 - Cultural and Sporting Groups; and
 - each school/ministry/related body corporate, being legally related to EREA and you acknowledge and agree that these entities are considered to be part of the College or a readily apparent third party as described in Clause 6.1 above.
- 6.3 An Employee, Family Member or Student may be photographed, and/or named in the publications of the entities described in Clause 6.2 above, including but not limited to, any internet site, Yearbook advertising, promotional material or press release, unless you expressly request that no such use be made of the image and/or name.
- 6.4 If you have received communications from the College, and you no longer wish to receive those sorts of communications, you should contact the Communication Office at the College and we will ensure that the relevant communication ceases.
- 6.5 Any other use or disclosure we make of personal information will only be as required by law or as permitted by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) or by your consent to this document.

7 Data Quality and Security

- 7.1 We will take all reasonable steps to:
- make sure that the personal information we collect, use or disclose is accurate, complete and up to date;
 - protect the information from misuse, loss, unauthorized access, modification or disclosure both physically and through computer security methods; and
 - destroy or permanently de-identify the information if it is no longer needed for any purpose.

8 Access To and Correction of the Information

- 8.1 If you would like access to any records of personal information that we have about you or if you believe any information we have about you requires correction, please contact the College.

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