



The Japanese School of Melbourne

Privacy Policy (Privacy Collection Statement)

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact school office on 0395281978.

Statement of Context and Purpose

Pursuant to Commonwealth privacy laws, the School is required to have a privacy policy which is available to all people associated with the School for whom records are maintained.

Privacy laws regulate how the School can collect, use, hold and disclose personal information. The School is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in [the *Privacy Act 1988 \(Cth\)*](#). The information the School collects enables it to provide educational services and discharge its duty of care. Any notifiable data breaches must be reported by the School to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner where required in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*.

The School installs, uses and maintains CCTV cameras in accordance with relevant Surveillance laws. Where installed, CCTV cameras are appropriately sign-posted at all school entrances and exits.

Application

- This policy applies to all employees, students, volunteers, contractors, visitors and other people who are associated with or come in contact with the School.

Definitions

1 Personal Information

- Personal Information means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable. Examples include an individual's name, address, contact number and email address.

2 Sensitive Information

Sensitive Information is a special category of personal information and means:

- (a) information or an opinion about an individual's:

- (i) racial or ethnic origin; or
- (ii) political opinions; or
- (iii) membership of a political association; or
- (iv) religious beliefs or affiliations; or
- (v) philosophical beliefs; or
- (vi) membership of a professional or trade association; or
- (vii) membership of a trade union; or
- (viii) sexual preferences or practices; or
- (ix) criminal record;

that is also personal information; or

- (b) health information about an individual; or
- (c) genetic information about an individual that is not otherwise health information; or
- (d) biometric information that is to be used for the purpose of automated biometric verification or biometric identification; or
- (e) biometric templates.

The School may collect personal information which is “sensitive information”. The School will only collect sensitive information with the consent of the individual to whom the information relates or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act or other applicable law.

Types of Personal Information Collected

The School collects personal information, including sensitive information, about:

- students;
- parents or guardians;
- employees and prospective employees;
- contractors and prospective contractors;
- volunteers;
- visitors; and
- any other person who comes into contact with the School.

The types of information that the School collects and holds includes personal information, collect sensitive information such as information about a health or racial or ethnic origin.

The information that the School collects from students and parents includes (but is not limited to);

- name, address, Contact details (including next of kin), date of birth, age, gender, nationality, language background, previous schools;
- parents' or guardians' education history, occupation, and language background;
- medical information (details of disability and /or allergies, medical reports, name of doctors and family GP);
- information about health insurance and medicare;
- documents from previous school (School report, attendance record, other behaviour notes etc);
- passport or birth certificate;
- visa;
- court order;
- Working With Children Check;
- photos and footages taken during school activities;
- information collected via CCTV footage;
- any other information Student or/and Parents choose to provide to the School.

The information that the School collects from persons who deal with the School in some other capacity (for example, as a staff member, former student, volunteer, contractor or visitor) includes (but is not limited to);

- name, address, Contact details (including next of kin), date of birth, gender, age, gender, nationality, language background;
- medical information (details of disability and /or allergies, medical reports);
- information on job application;
- passport or birth certificate
- visa;
- professional certificate;
- employment history;
- criminal record;
- bank detail, superannuation fund detail;
- Working With Children Check
- photos and footages taken during school activities
- information collected via CCTV footage;
- any other information they choose to provide to the School.

Collection and storage of personal information

The information collected by the School about students, parents and guardians, may be collected before, during or after the student is enrolled at the School. Information about students and parents may be collected in a number of ways including:

- directly from students and parents by telephone or in person;
- from other parties (such as medical practitioners or other schools); and
- from publicly available sources.

The primary purpose of collecting the information is to enable the School to provide schooling and educational services for the student or prospective student. If the School is unable to obtain the required information in relation to prospective students, an enrolment may not proceed.

The information the School collects about job applicants and employees may be collected in a number of ways including:

- directly from job applicants and employees during the recruitment phase and during the course of employment;
- from other parties (such as job applicants' referees, or social media sites);
- from publicly available sources; and
- from medical forms, incident reports, occupational health and safety requirements (including capacity to work certificates), and Victorian Institute of Teaching or Working with Children Check requirements, provided by the applicant, the employee, or any other third party authorised by the applicant or employee;
- on electronic databases.

The School has CCTV cameras in place for safety and security purposes, and to deter vandalism and inappropriate behaviour. Accordingly, information may also be collected in relation to anyone that comes into contact with the School through the use of those CCTV cameras installed on school premises.

The School may store information either electronically or physically in the following ways:

- on electronic databases; or
- in a secure location, including lockable cabinets with access only to authorised personnel.

Information collected via CCTV footage will be accessible only by the staff.

Use and Disclosure of Information

- The School only uses personal information for the purposes for which the information was collected. The School may use or disclose personal information for a secondary purpose for which the information was collected if the secondary purpose is related to the primary purpose and where the individual to whom the information relates could reasonably expect the School to use the information for that purpose.
The School may also use or disclose personal information for any other purposes for which the School have received consent from the person to whom the personal information relates or otherwise as permitted by legislation.

1 Use

Students and Parents

The School may use personal information collected about students and parents for the following purposes:

- providing schooling for its students, including curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular education and programs;
- making contact with parents in relation to their child's schooling;
- internal accounting;
- day-to-day administration;
- looking after the students' educational, social and medical well-being and safety;
- seeking donations and marketing for the School;
- satisfying legal obligations.

In some instances, if the School does not collect, hold or use such personal information, or if a student or parent does not consent, then the School may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of a student. It also may not be able to offer any, or its full complement of educational services and programs.

Prospective Employees, Employees and Contractors

The School may use personal information collected about prospective employees, employees and contractors in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles including for the following purposes:

- assessing whether an individual is suitable for employment or work, including child-connected work;
- administering the individual's employment or contract;
- fulfilling the School's insurance obligations;
- ensuring that information the School has collected is accurate and up-to-date;
- internal accounting and administration;
- seeking funds and marketing for the School
- for reporting to educational and Government authorities;
- satisfying legal obligations including with respect to child safety and child abuse; and
- for any other purposes that would be reasonably expected.

Volunteers

The School collects, holds and uses personal information (including sensitive information) about volunteers who assist the School in its functions and/or who organise and conduct associated activities such as the storytelling, the School Council and event-based fetes etc.

2 Disclosure

The School may disclose personal information, including sensitive information for administrative and educational purposes and to ensure child safety. This may include disclosing information to:

- provide schooling for its students;
- other schools, early learning centres, tertiary institutions and admission centres;
- government departments or authorities;
- medical practitioners;
- people providing services to the School;
- recipients of the School publications;
- parents; and
- anyone else that the School is authorised to disclose information to.

In some instances, if we do not disclose such personal information or if you do not consent, then we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of a pupil.

Personal information may be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School's fundraising and marketing activities. Parents, staff members, contractors and other members of the wider School community may from time to time receive fundraising information. Further, School publications, which include personal information, may be used for marketing purposes.

Disclosure to Overseas Recipients

The School has relationship with a range of people and organisations located overseas. For example, the School offers a range of exchange programs to schools in Japan. In some instances, the School is likely to disclose some personal information to overseas recipients. It is included the reports to the Japanese government such as Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. However, the School will only do so where it is necessary to complete or complement the education or program being offered or provided to the student and:

- the person to whom the personal information relates has consented; or
- the School believes on reasonable grounds that the overseas recipient is required to deal with the personal information by enforceable laws which are similar to the requirements under the Australian Privacy Principles; or

it is otherwise permitted by law.

Information Quality

The School will take reasonable steps to ensure that the personal information that is collected, used and disclosed is accurate and up-to-date. The School will immediately update its records when an individual provides any new information or information that has changed. Individuals should notify the School of any changes to their personal information by emailing adm@jrm.vic.edu.au.

Integrity of Information

The School will take such steps that are reasonable to protect personal information from:

- misuse, interference and loss; and
- unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

This includes taking appropriate security measures to protect electronic materials and material stored and generated in hard copy.

The School will take reasonable steps to ensure that information is destroyed when it is no longer required by law.

Access to Information

The School will, on request by an individual, give that individual access to any personal information held by the School about that individual.

In particular:

(a) Parents may seek access to personal information collected about their son/daughter. It is the responsibility of the School to ensure that they do not disclose information which would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where

access may result in a breach of the School's duty of care to the student and legal obligations.

(b) The School may, at its discretion, on the request of a student, grant that student access to information held by the School 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 student involved had reached 18 years of age, but the School could do so in other circumstances when the maturity of the student and/or the student's personal circumstances so warranted.

(c) Any request for access should be made to the school Principal: Tel: (03) 9528 1978.

Consent

The School will treat consent given by parents as consent given on behalf of the student, and notice given to parents will act as notice given to the student.

Enquiries and Complaints

Any person may request further information about the way the School manages the personal information it holds by submitting a request to:

The school Principal: Tel: (03) 9528 1978

A person who wishes to make a complaint about the School's compliance with the Australian Privacy Principles, can submit the complaint to:

The school Principal Tel: (03) 9528 1978

The School will investigate any complaint if appropriate and will notify the person who made the complaint of the School's decision as soon as practicable after it has been made.

Consequences of a Breach of this Policy

The School emphasises the need to comply with the requirements of this policy. Any employee found to be in breach of the requirements of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Performance Management, Misconduct and Disciplinary Action Policy.

Implications for practice

1 At Board / Principal Level

To properly implement this policy, the School, the Board and/or the Principal must ensure that:

- this policy is incorporated into the School's induction program, to ensure that all employees are aware of the policy, have read and understood the policy, and acknowledge their commitment to comply with the policy.

- refresher sessions are administered to all employees in relation to this policy; and

parents are informed that if certain information is not obtained, their child may not be able to enrol.

2 At Other Levels

To properly implement this policy, all the School’s employees, prospective employees, parents, students, contractors, volunteers or other individual the School holds information about, must ensure that:

- they will abide by this policy and assist the School in the implementation of this policy; and

if information is not obtained, the School may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of the student.

Approval

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This policy was drafted in English, and translated into Japanese for reference purposes only. In the case of a difference in interpretation the English version will prevail.