

# ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Privacy Policy



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## Rationale

St John Paul II Catholic Primary School requires information about staff, students and their families in order to provide for the education of these students. It is important to recognise the significance of protecting this information. The *Privacy Act 1988* directs the manner in which private sector organisations, including Catholic schools and systems, manage the personal and sensitive information of individuals.

## Definitions

Personal Information is information which can identify an individual.

Sensitive Information is information about a person's religious and political beliefs, sexual preferences, racial or ethnic origin, membership of political associations, philosophical beliefs, criminal record or health information.

## Scope

This policy applies to all members of our school community.

## Principles

4.1 St John Paul II Catholic Primary School has a responsibility to use and manage personal and sensitive information collected by them in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988.

4.2 St John Paul II Catholic Primary School has a responsibility to inform individuals of the purpose of collecting personal and sensitive information.

4.3 All information is collected for the primary purpose of the Catholic education of the student and the employment of staff members.

## Procedures

5.1 St John Paul II Catholic Primary School has a written Privacy Policy consistent with the principles outlined above.

5.2 The Privacy Policy shall be publicly available.

5.3 The Privacy Compliance Manual, prepared for CECWA through the National Catholic Education Commission, shall be used in developing school based documents in order to maintain consistency between schools.

5.4 All forms used by a school to collect personal and sensitive information shall reflect essential information required for the primary purpose of the school. The appropriate collection notice must be attached to each form.

5.5 All staff shall be appropriately informed in relation to the Privacy Act 1988.

5.6 The Principal shall ensure that all personal and sensitive information held by the school is properly secured.

5.7 Principals should note that school based staff are entitled to view and access records on their personnel file.

## References

National Catholic Education Commission Privacy Compliance Manual  
Privacy Act 1988

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