

# MOUNT ALVERNIA COLLEGE LIMITED

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## **POLICY: PRIVACY**

### **1. Privacy is important**

This Privacy Policy applies to Mount Alvernia College Limited. This statement outlines the policy on how the school uses and manages personal information provided to or collected by it.

The College is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988.

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.

### **2. College Mission**

Mount Alvernia College strives to be a community of care promoting positive human relationships and respect for the dignity of each person. The type of information and the manner in which it is collected, stored and made available for use will comply with legal requirements and recognise the intrinsic value of each individual as a child of God.

### **What kinds of personal information does the College collect and how does the College collect it?**

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

- pupils and parents and/or guardians ('Parents') before, during and after the course of a pupil's enrolment at the College, including:
  - name, contact details (including next of kin), date of birth, gender, language, background, previous College and religion;
  - parents' education, occupation and language background;
  - medical information (e.g. details of disability and/or allergies, absence notes, medical reports and names of doctors);
  - conduct and complaint records, or other behaviour notes, and college reports;
  - information about referrals to government welfare agencies;
  - counselling reports;
  - health fund details and Medicare number;
  - any court orders;
  - volunteering information; and
  - photos and videos at College events;
- job applicants, staff members, 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;
  - medical 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;
  - 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.

**Personal Information provided:** The College will generally collect personal information held about an individual by way of forms filled out by Parents or pupils, face-to-face meetings and interviews, emails and telephone calls. On occasions people other than Parents and pupils provide personal information.

**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 or a reference from another College.

**Exception in relation to employee records:** Under the Privacy Act, the Australian Privacy Principles do not apply to an employee record. As a result, this Privacy Policy does not apply to the College's treatment of an employee record, where the treatment is directly related to a current or former employment relationship between the College and employee.

### **How will the College use the personal information provided?**

The College will use personal information it collects for the primary purpose of collection, and for such other secondary purposes that are related to the primary purpose of collection which is reasonably expected and to which consent has been given.

**Pupils and Parents:** In relation to personal information of pupils and Parents, the College's primary purpose of collection is to enable the College to provide schooling to pupils enrolled at the College, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable pupils to take part in all the activities of the College. This includes satisfying the needs of Parents, the needs of the pupil and the needs of the College throughout the whole period the pupil is enrolled at the College.

The purposes for which the College uses personal information of pupils and Parents include:

- to keep Parents informed about matters related to their child's schooling, through correspondence, newsletters and magazines;
- day-to-day administration of the College;
- looking after pupils' educational, social and medical wellbeing;
- seeking donations and marketing for the College; and
- to satisfy the College's legal obligations and allow the College to discharge its duty of care.

In some cases where the College requests personal information about a pupil or Parent, if the information requested is not provided, the College may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of the pupil or permit the pupil to take part in a particular activity.

**Job applicants and contractors:** In relation to personal information of job applicants and contractors, the College's primary purpose of collection is to assess and (if successful) to engage the applicant or contractor, as the case may be.

The purposes for which the College uses personal information of job applicants and contractors include:

- administering the individual's employment or contract, as the case may be;
- for insurance purposes;
- seeking donations and marketing for the College; and
- satisfying the College's legal obligations, for example, in relation to child protection legislation.

**Volunteers:** The College may obtain personal information about volunteers who assist the College in its functions or conduct associated activities, such as [alumni associations], to enable the College and the volunteers to work together.

**Marketing and fundraising:** The College treats marketing and 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 pupils and staff thrive. Personal information held by the College may be disclosed to organisations that assist in the College's fundraising, for example, the Past Pupils Alumnae or, on occasions, external fundraising organisations.

Parents, staff, contractors and other members of the wider College community may from time to time receive fundraising information. College publications, like newsletters and magazines, which include personal information, may be used for marketing purposes.

#### **Who might the College disclose personal information to and store information with?**

The College may disclose personal information, including sensitive information, held about an individual for educational, administrative and support purposes. This may include to:

- other schools and teachers at those schools;
- government departments (including for policy and funding purposes);
- medical practitioners;
- people providing educational, support and health services to the College, including specialist visiting teachers, [sports] coaches, volunteers, and counsellors;
- providers of specialist advisory services and assistance to the College, including in the area of Human Resources, child protection and students with additional needs;
- 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);
- people providing administrative and financial services to the College;
- recipients of College publications, such as newsletters and magazines;
- pupils' parents or guardians;
- anyone the individual authorises the College to disclose information to; and
- anyone to whom the College is required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws.

**Sending and storing information overseas:** The College may disclose personal information about an individual to overseas recipients, for instance, to facilitate a school exchange. However, the College will not send personal information about an individual outside Australia without:

- obtaining the consent of the individual (in some cases this consent will be implied); or
- otherwise complying with the Australian Privacy Principles or other applicable privacy legislation.

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 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 be stored in the 'cloud' which means that it may reside on a cloud service provider's servers which may be situated outside Australia.

The College cloud service providers are Google and Microsoft Office 365. These providers store and process limited personal information. 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 and ensuring proper use.

### **How does the College treat sensitive information?**

In referring to 'sensitive information', the College means: information relating to a person's racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religion, trade union or other professional or trade association membership, philosophical beliefs, sexual orientation or practices or criminal record, that is also personal information; health information and biometric information about an individual.

Sensitive information will be used and disclosed only for the purpose for which it was provided or a directly related secondary purpose, unless the individual agrees otherwise, or the use or disclosure of the sensitive information is allowed by law.

### **Management and security of personal information**

The College's staff are required to respect the confidentiality of pupils', Parents' and staff members personal information and the privacy of individuals.

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.

### **Access and correction of personal information**

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act, an individual has the right to seek and obtain access to any personal information which the College holds about them and to advise the College of any perceived inaccuracy. Pupils will generally be able to access and update their personal information through their Parents, but older pupils 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 or to update any personal information the College holds about an individual, please contact the College Principal by telephone or in writing. The College may require verification of identity and details of what information is required. The College may charge a fee to cover the cost of verifying the application and locating, retrieving, reviewing and copying any material requested. If the information sought is extensive, the College will advise the likely cost in advance. If access to that information cannot be provided, a written notice explaining the reasons for refusal will be provided.

### **Consent and rights of access to the personal information of pupils**

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 pupil to the pupil's Parents. The College will treat consent given by Parents as consent given on behalf of the pupil, and notice to Parents will act as notice given to the pupil.

Parents may seek access to personal information held by the College about them or their child by contacting the College Principal by telephone or in writing. However, there may be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include 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 pupil.

The College may, at its discretion, on the request of a pupil grant that pupil access to information held by the College about them, or allow a pupil 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 pupil and/or the pupil's personal circumstances warrant it.

### **Enquiries and complaints**

Please contact the College Principal at Mount Alvernia College, 82 Cremorne Rd Kedron 4031 for further information about the way the College manages the personal information it holds, or to lodge a complaint that the College has breached the Australian Privacy Principles. The College will investigate any complaint and will notify the complainant of a decision in relation to the complaint as soon as is practicable after the decision has been made.

### **Review**

This Policy will be reviewed every 3 years or as necessitated by law.