



**Parklands**  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
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## Privacy Policy

Approved by the Board of Parklands Christian College

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## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK

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### 1. PURPOSE

This statement outlines Parklands Christian College (here in after referred to as the ‘College’) policy on how the College uses and manages personal information provided to or collected by it. The College is bound by the National Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act. 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. SCOPE

The policy applies to board members, employers, employees, volunteers, parents/guardians and students, contractors, and people visiting the school site; and describes the type of information the school collects, how the information is handled, how and to whom the information is disclosed, and how the information may be accessed.

### 3. REFERENCES

- Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)
- Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012
- [3.63 Policy - Student Protection](#)
- [3.20 Policy - Disability Discrimination](#)

### 4. OBLIGATIONS

The College is required to comply with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) in the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)* (**Privacy Act**). The APPs direct the way in which personal information is processed throughout its life cycle, from collection, to use and disclosure, storage, accessibility and disposal.

### 5. EXCEPTION IN RELATION TO EMPLOYEE RECORDS:

Under the Privacy Act, the Australian Privacy Principles do not apply to an employee record held by the employing entity. As a result, this Privacy Policy does not apply to the School’s treatment of an



employee record, where the treatment is directly related to a current or former employment relationship between the School and employee.

## 6. POLICY

This Privacy Policy sets out how Parklands Christian College manages personal information provided to or collected by it. The School is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act. The School may, from time to time, review and update this Privacy Policy to take account of new laws and technology, changes to the School's operations and practices and to make sure it remains appropriate to the changing school environment.

## 7. DEFINITIONS

### 1. What is personal information?

Personal information means information or an opinion, whether true or not and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual who is identified or reasonably identifiable.

### 2. What is sensitive information?

In referring to 'sensitive information', the School 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 you agree otherwise, or the use or disclosure of the sensitive information is allowed by law.

## 8. WHAT KINDS OF PERSONAL INFORMATION DOES THE SCHOOL COLLECT AND HOW DOES THE SCHOOL COLLECT IT?

The type of information the School 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 School;
- Job applicants, staff members, volunteers and contractors; and
- Other people who come into contact with the School.

### Personal Information you provide:

The School 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 School 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 school.

### How will the School use the personal information you provide?

The School will use personal information it collects from you for the primary purpose of collection, and for such other secondary purposes that are related to the primary purpose of collection and reasonably expected by you, or to which you have consented.





## 9. PUPILS AND PARENTS

In relation to personal information of pupils and Parents, the School's primary purpose of collection is to enable the School to provide schooling for the pupil. This includes satisfying the needs of Parents, the needs of the pupil and the needs of the School throughout the whole period the pupil is enrolled at the School.

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

- a. To keep Parents informed about matters related to their child's schooling, through correspondence, newsletters and magazines;
- b. Day to day administration of the School;
- c. Looking after pupil's educational, social and medical wellbeing;
- d. Seeking donations and marketing for the School; and
- e. To satisfy the School's legal obligations and allow the College to discharge its duty of care.

In some cases where the College request 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.

## 10. JOB APPLICANTS, STAFF MEMBERS AND CONTRACTORS

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

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

- a. In administering the individual's employment or contract, as the case may be;
- b. For insurance purposes;
- c. Seeking donations and marketing for the College; and
- d. To satisfy the College's legal obligations, for example, in relation to child protection legislation

## 11. VOLUNTEERS

The College also obtains 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.

## 12. 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 College's Foundation or alumni organisation (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.

## 13. TO WHOM MIGHT THE COLLEGE DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION?

The College may disclose personal information, including sensitive information, held about an individual to:





- a. Another school
- b. Government departments
- c. Medical practitioners
- d. People providing services to the College, including specialist visiting teachers, counsellors and sports coaches
- e. Recipients of College publications, such as newsletters and magazines
- f. Parents
- g. Anyone you authorise the College to disclose information to; and
- h. Anyone to whom we are required to disclose the information to by law.

## 14. SENDING INFORMATION OVERSEAS

The College may disclose personal information about an individual to overseas recipients, for instance, when storing personal information with 'cloud' service providers which are situated outside Australia or to facilitate a school exchange.

However, the College will not send personal information about an individual outside Australia without:

- a. Obtaining the consent of the individual (in some cases this consent will be implied); or
- b. 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.

An example of such a cloud service provider is Google. Google provide the 'Google Apps for Education' (GAFE) including Gmail, and stores and processes limited personal information for this purpose. School personnel and the AIS 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 GAFE and ensuring its proper use.

## 15. 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 you agree otherwise, or the use or disclosure of the sensitive information is allowed by law.

## 16. MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The College's staff are required to respect the confidentiality of pupils' and Parents' 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.





## 17. ACCESS AND CORRECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act, an individual has the right to 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 update any personal information the College holds about you or your child, please contact the (College Principal) in writing. The College may require you to verify your identity and specify what information you require. The College may charge a fee to cover the cost of verifying your 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 we cannot provide you with access to that information, we will provide you with written notice explaining the reasons for refusal.

## 18. 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.

As mentioned above, parents may seek access to personal information held by the College about them or their child by contacting the (College Principal). However, there will 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 circumstance warrant it.

## 19. ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS

If you would like further information about the way the College manages the personal information it holds, or wish to complain that you believe that the School has breached the Australian Privacy Principles please contact the School Principal on (07) 3380 2400. The School will investigate any complaint and will notify you of the making of a decision in relation to your complaint as soon as is practicable after it has been made.





## 20. APPROVAL

This policy was approved by the Board of the Parklands Christian College at its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Signed:

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*JH Blase*  
Chairperson

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*JB Gray*  
Secretary

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Name: Jeffrey Bernard Gray

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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## 21. APPENDIX

### Appendix 1

#### Standard Collection Notice

1. The School collects personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil's enrolment at the School. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the School to provide schooling to the pupils enrolled at the school, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable them to take part in all the activities of the School.
2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the School's legal obligations, particularly to enable the School to discharge its duty of care.
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 laws.
4. Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the *Privacy Act*. We may ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.
5. The School may disclose personal and sensitive information for educational, administrative and support purposes. This may include to:
  - other schools and teachers at those schools
  - government departments
  - medical practitioners
  - people providing educational, support and health services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, [sports] coaches, volunteers, counsellors and providers of learning and assessment tools
  - assessment and educational authorities, including the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
  - people providing administrative and financial services to the School
  - anyone you authorise the School to disclose information to
  - anyone to whom the School is required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws.
6. Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians.
7. 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 servers which may be situated outside Australia. Further information about the School's use of online or 'cloud' service providers is contained in the School's Privacy Policy.
8. The School's Privacy Policy, accessible on the School's website, sets out how parents or pupils may seek access to personal information collected about them. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances. Such occasions would include where access 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 pupil, or where pupils have provided information in confidence. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons if appropriate.

9. The School's Privacy Policy also sets out how you may complain about a breach of privacy and how the School will deal with such a complaint.
10. The School may engage in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
11. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and similar news is published in School newsletters and magazines, on our intranet, social media sites and on our website. This may include photographs and videos of pupil activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. We may include pupils' and pupils' parents' contact details in a class list and School directory.
12. If you provide the School with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why.





## Appendix 2

### Alumni Association Collection Notice

1. We may collect personal information about you from time to time. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable us to inform you about our activities and the activities of Parklands Christian College and to keep alumni members informed about other members.
2. We must have the information referred to above to enable us to continue your membership of the Alumni Association.
3. As you know, from time to time we engage in fundraising activities. The information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be used by PCC to assist in its fundraising activities.
4. We may publish details about you in our PCC Newsletter and the School's website. If you do not agree to this you must advise us now.
5. The School's Privacy Policy, accessible on the School's website, contains details of how you may seek access to and correction of your personal information which the school has collected and holds, and how you may complain about a breach of the APPs.
6. 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 email services. 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 servers which may be situated outside Australia. Further information about the School's use of online or 'cloud' service providers is contained in the School's Privacy Policy.
7. If you provide personal information to us about other people, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why.





## Appendix 3

### Employment Collection Notice

1. In applying for this position you will be providing Parklands Christian College with personal information. We can be contacted 11 Hillcrest Road, Park Ridge 4125. Phone: (07) 3380 4200. Website: <http://www.parklands.qld.edu.au/>
2. If you provide us with personal information, for example, your name and address or information contained on your resume, we will collect the information in order to assess your application for employment. We may keep this information on file if your application is unsuccessful in case another position becomes available.
3. The School's Privacy Policy, accessible on the School's website, contains details of how you may complain about a breach of the APPs and how you may seek access to and correction of your personal information which the School has collected and holds. However, there may be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons if appropriate.
4. We will not disclose this information to a third party without your consent.
5. We may be required to conduct a criminal record check or collect information regarding whether you are or have been the subject of an Apprehended Violence Order and certain criminal offences under Child Protection laws. We may also collect personal information about you in accordance with these laws.
6. 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 email services. 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 servers which may be situated outside Australia. Further information about the School's use of on online or 'cloud' service providers is contained in the School's Privacy Policy.
7. If you provide us with the personal information of others, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why.





## Appendix 4

### Contractor/Volunteer Collection Notice

1. In applying to provide services to the School, you will be providing Parklands Christian College with personal information. We can be contacted 11 Hillcrest Road, Park Ridge 4125. Phone: (07) 3380 4200. Website: <http://www.parklands.qld.edu.au/>
2. If you provide us with personal information, for example your name and address or information contained on your resume, we will collect the information in order to assess your application. We may also make notes and prepare a confidential report in respect of your application.
3. You agree that we may store this information for two years.
4. The School's Privacy Policy, accessible on the School's website, sets out how you may seek access to your personal information, how you may complain about a breach of the APPs, and how you may seek access to and correction of your personal information which the School has collected and holds. However, there may be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons if appropriate.
5. We will not disclose this information to a third party without your consent.
6. We may be required to conduct a criminal record check and collect information regarding whether you are or have been the subject of an Apprehended Violence Order and certain criminal offences under Child Protection law. We may also collect personal information about you in accordance with these laws.
7. 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 email services. 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 servers which may be situated outside Australia. Further information about the School's use of on online or 'cloud' service providers is contained in the School's Privacy Policy.
8. If you provide us with the personal information of others, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why.