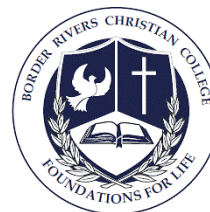


BORDER RIVERS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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PRIVACY POLICY

Purpose:	The Border Rivers Christian College is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act. This statement outlines the privacy policy of the College and describes how the College uses and manages personal information provided to or collected by it.	
Scope:	The policy applies to board members, employers, employees, volunteers, parents/guardians and students, contractors, and people visiting the College site; and describes the type of information the College collects, how the information is handled, how and to whom the information is disclosed, and how the information may be accessed.	
References:	• Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) • Australian Privacy Principals • Child Protection Policy	
Supersedes:	N/A	
Authorised by:	Principal	Date of Authorisation: 8 August 2016
Review Date:	Bi-annually (annually), as appropriate, to take account of new laws and technology, changes to College's operations and practices and to make sure it remains appropriate to the changing environment.	Next Review Date: September 2027
Policy Owner:	Principal with reference to Board and College staff	

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Exception in relation to employee records:

Under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)(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 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.

Policy

This Privacy Policy sets out how Border Rivers Christian College manages personal information provided to or collected by it. Border Rivers Christian College is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the 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 College environment.

Cultural safety within Border Rivers Christian College's privacy policy emphasises the commitment to recognising, respecting, and protecting the diverse cultural identities and backgrounds of all students, staff, and families. By ensuring that personal and cultural information is collected, stored, and managed with the utmost sensitivity and confidentiality, this policy supports an environment where individuals feel valued, understood, and secure in sharing aspects of their identity. This approach acknowledges the unique perspectives and needs of different cultural groups, and actively works to prevent any misuse of information that could lead to discrimination, stereotyping, or exclusion. Embedding cultural safety into privacy practices not only aligns with legal and ethical standards but also builds trust, encourages open communication, and strengthens the school's commitment to equity and inclusion for everyone in its community.

What kinds of personal information does Border Rivers Christian College collect and how does the College collect it?

The type of information Border Rivers Christian 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;
 - name, contact details (including next of kin), date of birth, gender, language background, previous school 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 school 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 school events.
- job applicants, staff members, volunteers and contractors; and
 - 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 school events;
 - workplace surveillance information;
 - work emails and private emails (when using work email address) and Internet browsing history
- other people who come into contact with the College.

Personal Information you provide:

Border Rivers Christian 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.

How will the College use the personal information you provide?

Border Rivers Christian College 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.

Pupils and Parents

In relation to personal information of pupils and Parents, Border Rivers Christian College's primary purpose of collection is to enable the College to provide schooling to students enrolled at the College, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable students 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 Border Rivers Christian 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 Border Rivers Christian 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.

On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and similar news is published in School newsletters and magazines, and on our website. This may include photographs and videos of student activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. The School will obtain permissions on enrolment from the student's parent or guardians to include such photographs or videos in our promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public such as on the internet.

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:

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

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 Border Rivers Christian College and the volunteers to work together.

Marketing and fundraising

Border Rivers Christian 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. If you would like to opt-out of direct marketing please contact the College Principal on (07) 4671 4123.

Who might the College disclose Personal Information to?

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

- another College;
- government departments (including for policy and funding purposes);
- medical practitioners;
- people providing services to the College, including specialist visiting teachers, counsellors and sports coaches, volunteers, counsellors and 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 Border Rivers Christian College;
- recipients of College publications, such as newsletters and magazines;
- students' parents or guardians;
- anyone you authorise the College to disclose information to; and
- anyone to whom we are required to disclose the information to by law including child protection laws

Sending Information Overseas

Border Rivers Christian 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 College 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.

Border Rivers Christian 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 server which may be situated outside Australia

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.

Management and security of personal information

Border Rivers Christian 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.

Data Breaches

It will be deemed that an 'eligible data breach' has occurred if:

- there has been unauthorised access to, or unauthorised disclosure of, personal information about one or more individuals (**the affected individuals**)
- a reasonable person would conclude there is a likelihood of serious harm to any affected individuals as a result
- the information is lost in circumstances where:
 - unauthorised access to, or unauthorised disclosure of, the information is likely to occur
 - assuming unauthorised access to, or unauthorised disclosure of, the information was to occur, a reasonable person would conclude that it would be likely to result in serious harm to the affected individuals.

Serious harm may include serious physical, psychological, emotional, economic and financial harm, as well as serious harm to reputation.

What must the school do in the event of an 'eligible data breach'?

If Border Rivers Christian College suspects that an eligible data breach has occurred, it will carry out a reasonable and expedient assessment/investigation within 30 days.

If such an assessment/investigation indicates there are reasonable grounds to believe an eligible data breach has occurred, then the college will be required to lodge a statement to the Privacy Commissioner (**Commissioner**). Where practical to do so, the school entity will also notify the affected individuals. If it is not practicable to notify the affected individuals, Border Rivers Christian College will publish a copy of the statement on its website, or publicise it in another manner.

Exception to notification obligation

An exception to the requirement to notify will exist if there is a data breach and immediate remedial action is taken, and as a result of that action:

- there is no unauthorised access to, or unauthorised disclosure of, the information
- there is no serious harm to affected individuals, and as a result of the remedial action, a reasonable person would conclude the breach is not likely to result in serious harm.

Access and Correction of Personal Information

Under the 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 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.

Border Rivers Christian College will take reasonable steps to ensure that any personal information is accurate, up to date, complete, relevant and not misleading.

Consent and Rights of Access to the Personal Information of Pupils

Border Rivers Christian 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 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 a 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 so warranted.

Enquiries and complaints

If you would like further information about the way Border Rivers Christian College manages the personal information it holds, or wish to complain that you believe that the College has breached the Australian Privacy Principles please contact the Principal. The College 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.

APPENDIX 1

Standard Collection Notice

1. The School collects personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents or guardians before and during the course of a student'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 students enrolled at the school, exercise its duty of care, engage in marketing/fundraising and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable students 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 students is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles (**APPs**) under the *Privacy Act 1988*. We may ask you to provide medical reports about students from time to time.
5. The School may disclose personal and sensitive information for educational, legal, administrative, marketing and support purposes. This may include to:
 - other schools and teachers at those schools;
 - government departments (including for policy and funding purposes);
 - [Catholic Education Office, the Catholic Education Commission, the School's local diocese and the parish, other related church agencies/entities, and Schools within other Dioceses/other Dioceses;] *
 - medical practitioners;
 - people providing educational, support and health services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, [sports] coaches, volunteers, and counsellors;
 - 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 School;
 - anyone you authorise the School to disclose information to; and
 - anyone to whom the School is required or authorised by law, including child protection laws, to disclose the information.
6. Personal information collected from students 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 on 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 students may seek access to and correction of their personal information which the School has collected and holds. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as 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 a student, or where students 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 parents and students can make a complaint about a breach of the APPs and how the complaint will be handled.
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, student activities and similar news is published in School newsletters and magazines, on our intranet [and on our website] this may include photographs and videos of student activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. The School will obtain permissions [annually] from the student's parent or guardian (and from the student if appropriate) if we would like to include such photographs or videos [or other identifying material] in our promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public such as on the internet.
12. We may include students' and students' parents' contact details in a class list and School directory. †
13. 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.

* As appropriate

** If applicable

† Schools may wish to seek specific consent to publish contact details in class lists and School directories

APPENDIX 2

Alumni Association Collection Notice *(future initiative of BRCC to be confirmed)*

1. The Alumni Association 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 Border Rivers 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 Border Rivers Christian College to assist in its fundraising activities. If you do not agree to this, please advise us now.
4. We may publish details about you in our publications and our/the College's website. If you do not agree to this you must advise us now.
5. The College's Privacy Policy contains details of how you may seek access to personal information collected about you or how you may complain about a breach of the APPs.
6. The College may store personal information in the 'cloud', which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia.*
7. If you provide personal information to us about other people, we encourage you to inform them of the above matters.

* If applicable

APPENDIX 3

Employment Collection Notice

1. In applying for this position, you will be providing [name of School] with personal information. We can be contacted [insert address, email address, telephone number].
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 Australian Privacy Principles and how you may seek access to and correction of your personal information which the School has collected and holds. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as 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 unless otherwise permitted. / We usually disclose this kind of information to the following types of organisations [insert list e.g. support vendors that provide services around staff administration systems].
5. [We are required to [conduct a criminal record check] 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.

* If applicable

APPENDIX 4

Contractor/Volunteer Collection Notice

1. In applying to provide services to the College, you will be providing Border Rivers Christian College with personal information.
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 a predetermined period of at least five years, or the length of time of service of the contractor/volunteer, whichever is longest.
4. The College's Privacy Policy sets out how you may seek access to your personal information and how you may complain about a breach of the APPs.
5. We will not disclose this information to a third party without your consent.
6. We are required to 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 College may store personal information in the 'cloud', which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia.*
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 College and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the College does not usually disclose the information to third parties.

* If applicable