

We only collect sensitive information if it is:

reasonably necessary for one or more of these functions or activities ~~and~~ we have the individuals consent

necessary to lessen or prevent a serious threat to life, health or safety

another permitted general situation

another permitted health situation

we form the opinion that the disclosure will lessen or prevent a serious threat to the life, health or safety of an individual or to public safety; or

we are taking appropriate action in relation to suspected unlawful activity or serious misconduct

The Privacy Act does not differentiate between adults and children and does not specify an age after which individuals can make their own decisions with respect to their personal information.

We take a common sense approach dealing with children's personal information and generally will refer to the effective personal information access cases. **We will treat notices provided to parents/carers as notices provided to students and we will treat consents provided by parents/carers as consents provided by a student.**

We are, however, cognisant of the fact that children do have rights under the Privacy Act, and that in certain circumstances (especially when dealing with older students and especially when dealing with sensitive information), it will be appropriate to seek and obtain consents directly from students. We also acknowledge

reasonable time (usually no longer than 30 days) and we may seek further information in order to provide a full and complete response.

The school does not charge a fee for the handling of complaints.

If you are not satisfied with our response, you may refer the complaint to the OAIC. A complaint can be made using the OAIC online [Privacy Complaint form](#) or by mail, fax or email.

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