



## Mission Statement

*This is our vision: that Loreto Colleges offer a Catholic education which liberates, empowers and motivates students to use their individual gifts with confidence, creativity and generosity in loving and responsible service.*

*Educating for justice means helping people to recognise the inherent dignity of each individual and of the natural environment and to become aware of the rights and responsibilities of all. Issues of power and the use and distribution of resources must also be addressed in ways that are appropriate to students' development.*

*Loreto Colleges of Australia Mission Statement, 2010*

This Privacy Policy sets out how Loreto College Ballarat manages personal information provided to or collected by the College.

Loreto College Ballarat is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act. In relation to health records, the College is also bound by the *Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)*.

Loreto 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.

## 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:

- students and parents and/or guardians before, during and after the course of a student's enrolment at the College;
- job applicants, staff members, volunteers and contractors; and
- other people who come into contact with the College.

**Personal Information you provide:** The College will generally collect personal information held about an individual by way of forms filled out by parents and/or guardians or students, face-to-face meetings and interviews, emails and telephone calls. On occasions people other than parents and/or guardians and students 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 and *Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)*, the Australian Privacy Principles [and Health 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 you provide?

Loreto College Ballarat 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.

**Students and parents and/or guardians:** In relation to personal information of students and parents and/or guardians, the College's primary purpose of collection is to enable the College to provide an education for the student. This includes satisfying the needs of parents and/or guardians, the needs of the student and the needs of the College throughout the whole period the student is enrolled at the College.

The purposes for which the College uses personal information of students and parents and/or guardians include:

- to keep parents and/or guardians informed about matters related to their child's education, through correspondence, newsletters and magazines;

- day-to-day administration of the College;
- looking after students' 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 student or Parent and/or Guardian, if the information requested is not provided, the College may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of the student or permit the student to take part in a particular activity.

**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 [the Past Pupils' Association], to enable the College and the volunteers to work together.

**Marketing and fundraising:** The College considers 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 students 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 Development or Past Pupils' Association [or, on occasions, external fundraising organisations].

Parents and/or guardians, 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 your information with?

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

- another College;
- the school's governing bodies;
- government departments;
- medical practitioners;
- the Catholic Education Office Ballarat and/or Melbourne;
- Catholic Education Commission of Victoria;
- people providing services to the College, including specialist visiting teachers, counsellors and sports coaches;
- recipients of College publications, such as newsletters and magazines;
- parents and/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.

### **Sending and storing information overseas:**

The College may disclose personal information about an individual to overseas recipients, for instance, 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.

The College may also store personal information in the 'cloud' which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia.\*\*

## 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 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**

The Loreto College Ballarat staff are required to respect the confidentiality of students' and Parents' and/or Guardians' 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 [and the Health Records 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. Students will generally be able to access and update their personal information through their parents and/or guardians, but older students may seek access and correction themselves. This would normally be done only when the maturity of the student and/or the student's personal circumstances so warranted.

There are some exceptions to these rights set out in the applicable legislation.

Requests to access or update any personal information the College holds about you or your daughter should be made in writing to the Principal. 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.

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

Loreto College Ballarat respects every Parent's and/or Guardian's right to make decisions concerning their daughter's education.

Generally, the College will refer any requests for consent and notices in relation to the personal information of a student to the student's parents and/or guardians. The College will treat consent given by parents and/or guardians as consent given on behalf of the student, and notice to parents and/or guardians will act as notice given to the student.

As mentioned above, parents and/or guardians 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 student.

The College may, at its discretion, on the request of a student grant that student access to information held by the College about them, or allow a student to give or withhold consent to the use of their personal information, independently of their parents and/or guardians. This would normally be done only when the maturity of the student and/or the student's personal circumstances so warranted.

## **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 College has breached the Australian Privacy Principles please contact the College 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.

*Ratified by Council 2014*