



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING ENROLMENT FORM

### INFORMATION for PARENTS, GUARDIANS and CARERS

(including privacy collection notice)

The Enrolment Form asks you for personal and health information about your child and your family. This information is collected to enable our school to educate your child and support your child's social and emotional wellbeing and health. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations. Our school is also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law.

Our school relies on you to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that your child has, medication your child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of your child's doctor. If you do not provide all relevant health information, this may put your child's health at risk.

Health information may be collected through the school nurse, welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer or school-engaged psychologist, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents, guardians and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school requires current, relevant information about all **parents, guardians and carers** so that we can take account of family arrangements. Please provide our school with copies of all current parenting plans AND court orders regarding parenting arrangements. Please provide copies of court orders or plans when they change. If you wish to discuss any matters regarding family arrangements in confidence, please contact the principal.

#### **Protecting your privacy and sharing information**

The information about your child and family collected through this Enrolment Form will only be shared with school staff who need to know to enable our school to educate or support your child, or to fulfil legal obligations including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the Department of Education and Training without your consent, unless such disclosure is lawful. For more about information-sharing and privacy, see our school's privacy policy at: <http://www.mountridleycollege.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Information-Privacy-Policy-2016.pdf>

#### **Our school's use of online tools (including apps and other software) to collect and manage information**

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to collect and manage information about your child. When our school uses these online tools, we do our best to ensure that your child's information is secure. These online tools enable our school to efficiently and effectively manage important information about your child and also to communicate with you. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

## **Emergency contacts**

Emergency contacts are those people you nominate for the school to contact during an emergency. Please ensure your nominated emergency contact agrees to you providing their contact details to our school and that they have read the paragraph above. It is important that you inform them that their contact details may be disclosed beyond the Department if lawful.

## **Student background information**

The enrolment form requests information about country of birth, aboriginality, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to our school. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

## **Immunisation status**

Your child's immunisation status assists our school to manage health risks for children. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Human Services to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies you.

## **Visa status**

Our school also requires this information to process your child's enrolment.

## **Updating your child's personal and health information**

Please inform our school if, and when, there are any updates to any of the personal or health information you provide on the Enrolment Form.

## **Accessing your child's records**

Our school provides ordinary school communications and school reports to students and parents, guardians and carers who have legal decision-making responsibility for the student. Requests for any other type of student records may be made through a Freedom of Information (FOI) application. Please contact our school and we can advise you how to do this.

## **Student transfers between Victorian government schools**

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, our school will transfer the student's personal and health information to that next school. This may include copies of student's school records, including any health information. Transferring this information assist the next school to provide the best possible education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

*Please note: Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.*