



## Privacy Policy

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Purpose:	Maridahdi Early Childhood Community Schools(s) and Kindergarten are bound by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth Privacy Act. This statement outlines the privacy policy of the school(s) and kindergarten and describes how the school(s) and kindergarten 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 school(s) and kindergarten 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.	
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Privacy Principles</li> <li>• Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)</li> <li>• Child Protection Policy</li> <li>• Disabilities Policy</li> </ul>	
Supersedes:	Previous	
Authorised by:	Board and School Council President	Date of Authorisation: October 2023
Review Date:	Annually, as appropriate, to take account of new laws and technology, changes to school's operations and practices and to make sure it remains appropriate to the changing environment.	Next Review Date: October 2024
Policy Owner:	Maridahdi Community Governing Council School Council of Maridahdi Brisbane Primary School	

## **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 Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School(s) and Kindergarten's ("Maridahdi School(s) and Kindergarten) treatment of an employee record, where the treatment is directly related to a current or former employment relationship between the school(s) and/or kindergarten and employee.

## **Policy**

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

## **What kinds of personal information does the School(s) and/or Kindergarten collect and how does the School collect it?**

The type of information Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten collects and holds includes (but is not limited to) personal information, including health and other sensitive information, about:

- students and parents and/or guardians ('Parents') before, during and after the course of a student's enrolment at the School(s) and/or Kindergarten:
  - 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:
  - 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 School(s) and/or Kindergarten including name and contact details and any other information necessary for the particular contact with the school.

### **Personal Information you provide:**

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten will generally collect personal information held about an individual by way of forms filled out by parents or students, face-to-face meetings and interviews, emails and telephone calls. On occasions people other than parents and students provide personal information.

### **Personal Information provided by other people:**

In some circumstances Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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 and/or kindergarten.

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

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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**

In relation to personal information of students and parents, Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten's primary purpose of collection is to enable Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten to provide schooling to students enrolled at the school, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable students to take part in all the activities of the school. This includes satisfying the needs of parents, the needs of the students and the needs of Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten throughout the whole period the student is enrolled at the School.

The purposes for which Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten uses personal information of students 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 Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten
- looking after student's educational, social and medical wellbeing
- seeking donations and marketing for Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten
- to satisfy Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten's legal obligations and allow the school to discharge its duty of care.

In some cases where Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten requests personal information about a student or parent, if the information requested is not provided, Maridahdi School(s) and/or

Kindergarten may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of the student or permit the student to take part in a particular activity.

On occasions information is published in School newsletters and private social network groups. 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.

## **Job applicants, Staff Members and Contractors**

In relation to personal information of job applicants, staff members and contractors, Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten'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 Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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 School
- to satisfy the School's legal obligations, for example, in relation to child protection legislation.

## **Volunteers**

The School also obtains personal information about volunteers who assist Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten in its functions or conduct associated activities, such as alumni associations, to enable Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten and the volunteers to work together.

## **Marketing and Fundraising**

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten treats marketing and seeking donations for the future growth and development of the school as an important part of ensuring that Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten continues to provide a quality learning environment in which both students and staff thrive. Personal information held by Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten may be disclosed to organisations that assist in the school's fundraising, for example, the Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten's Foundation or alumni organisation [or, on occasions, external fundraising organisations].

Parents, staff, contractors and other members of the wider School community may from time to time receive fundraising information. School 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 School Principal on (07) 4635 1413 or by email: [admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au).

## **Who might the School(s) and/or Kindergarten disclose Personal Information to and store your information with?**

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten may disclose personal information, including sensitive information, held about an individual for educational, legal, administrative, marketing and support purposes. This may include to:

- another school or staff at another school
- government departments (including for policy and funding purposes)
- 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 (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 Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten;
- recipients of School publications, such as newsletters and magazines
- students' parents or guardians
- anyone you authorise Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten to disclose information to
- anyone to whom we are required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws.

## **Sending and Storing Information Overseas**

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten may disclose personal information about an individual to overseas recipients, for instance, to facilitate a school exchange. However, Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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)
- otherwise complying with the Australian Privacy Principles or other applicable privacy legislation.

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten may use online or 'cloud' service providers to store personal information and to provide services to Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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.

An example of such a cloud service provider is Microsoft 365. Maridahdi School(s) and Kindergarten are in the process of transitioning to Microsoft 365 as a cloud storage provider, however we have been advised by Independent Schools Queensland that all data is stored within Australia.

## **Sensitive Information**

In referring to 'sensitive information', Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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 required by law.

## Management and Security of Personal Information

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten's staff are required to respect the confidentiality of students' and parents' personal information and the privacy of individuals. Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten has in place steps to protect the personal information Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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 Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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 Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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, Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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 seek and obtain access to any personal information which Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten holds about them and to advise Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten of any perceived inaccuracy. There are some exceptions to this right set out in the Act. Students will generally be able to access and update their personal information through their parents, but older students may seek access and correction themselves.

To make a request to access or to update any personal information Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten holds about you or your child, please contact the School Principal in writing. Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten may require you to verify your identity and specify what information you require. Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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, Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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.

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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 Students**

Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten respects every parent's right to make decisions concerning their child's education. Generally, Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten will refer any requests for consent and notices in relation to the personal information of a student to the student's parents. Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten will treat consent given by parents as consent given on behalf of the student, and notice to parents will act as notice given to the student.

As mentioned above, parents may seek access to personal information held by Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten about them or their child by contacting the School 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 Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten's duty of care to a student.

The School may, at its discretion, on the request of a student grant that student access to information held by Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten about them, or allow a student 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 student and/or the student's personal circumstances warrant it.

## **Enquiries and Complaints**

If you would like further information about the way Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten manages the personal information it holds, or wish to make a complaint about Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten's breach of the Australian Privacy Principles please contact the School Principal on (07) 4635 1413 or [admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au). Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten 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

### All references to 'School' in the following pages are to be read as including Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten

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);
  - 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 is published in School newsletters on social network private Maridahdi groups. 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, emergency contacts, permissions and medical conditions in a class list and School directory. These are labelled as Private and Confidential and are for staff only to access in the classroom.
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

## APPENDIX 2

### Employment Collection Notice

1. In applying for this position, you will be providing Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten with personal information. We can be contacted:

Address: 3-7 Bowtell Street Toowoomba QLD 4350/PO Box 4742 Toowoomba QLD 4350

Email: admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au

Phone: (07) 4635 1413

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.
5. We may also collect personal information about you in accordance with Child Protection 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 3

### Contractor/Volunteer Collection Notice

1. In offering, applying or agreeing to provide services to the School, you will be providing Maridahdi School(s) and/or Kindergarten with personal information. We can be contacted:  
Address: 3-7 Bowtell Street Toowoomba QLD 4350/PO Box 4742 Toowoomba QLD 4350  
Email: admin@maridahdi.qld.edu.au  
Phone: (07) 4635 1413
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 ten (10) years.
4. 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.
5. We will not disclose this information to a third party without your consent unless otherwise permitted to.
6. We may also collect other personal information about you in accordance with Child Protection 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 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. 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.