

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS' ASSESSMENT PRIVACY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## **Privacy Statement**

### **Dear Parent**

Your child's school has chosen to administer the International Schools' Assessment ("**the Assessment**") to its students. The Assessment is an assessment program designed by The Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (ABN 19 004 398 145) ("**ACER**") for students in international schools and schools with an international focus in grades 3 to 10. The aims of the Assessment include: to measure students' performance in relation to scales that describe levels of proficiency in mathematical literacy, reading, writing and/or scientific literacy performance in relation to other international school students at the same grade level. De-identified data from the Assessment may be used for the purpose of research by ACER ("**the Aims**").

Personal information is that information or opinion that tends to identify a particular individual such as name and date of birth. In pursuit of the Assessment your child's school will disclose your child's personal information to ACER which now stores it for the purpose of administering and reporting on the results of the Assessment in pursuit of the Aims ("**the Purpose**"). ACER will only collect, use, store or disclose your child's personal information in pursuit of the Purpose. The collection of your child's personal information by ACER was not required by law. Principally, if that information is not provided your child will not be able to participate in the Assessment and assist in achieving the Aims or any special consideration or accommodation in respect of the Assessment may not be able to be granted.

### **Disclosure of your child's personal information**

In pursuit of the Purpose ACER will disclose the results of your child's participation and any other of your child's personal information it holds to your child's school. By permitting your child's participation in the Assessment you have consented to such disclosure. Should you not wish to consent please contact the relevant school or pursue your right to complain as set out in the 'Your Rights' section below.

Please note:

1. that under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (an Australian privacy law by which ACER is bound) ACER is bound to ensure that, if your child's school is not in Australia or an external territory ACER should take steps to ensure the school complies with relevant Australian Privacy law;
2. but if you consent to the disclosure of your child's personal information to its relevant school e.g. your child's results, ACER will not have to take steps to ensure compliance by your child's school;
3. the country of your child's school may not have similar privacy laws or measures by which you may pursue any of your or your child's rights in respect of privacy as that of Australia.

### **Sensitive information**

Sensitive information is information that, for example, relates to an individual's health, race or ethnic origin or religious beliefs. The most usual occasion sensitive information is collected for the Purpose is if special accommodation is requested for a student in respect of the Assessment for health reasons including a medical condition or intellectual impairment. You do not have to consent to the collection of such sensitive information.

But by supplying such sensitive information to your school or ACER in relation to the Assessment you have consented to the collection of the same by the school and ACER. By such consent the relevant sensitive information will be stored and used by ACER for the Purpose. If you do not consent or object in any way you may complain to ACER as set out in the 'Your Rights' section below.

**Your rights**

ACER takes seriously the protection of your and your child's personal information. ACER will abide by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth).

You and your child has the right to:

1. inspect his or her personal information;
2. request amendment of personal information; and
3. make complaint in respect of a breach of your child's privacy.

To exercise any or all of the above rights please review ACER's privacy policy locatable at: [www.acer.edu.au/privacy](http://www.acer.edu.au/privacy) which sets out the processes of how you may attend to the same.

Yours faithfully,



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