Department of Education

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Collection notice for enrolment

Purpose of collection

We, the Department of Education Western Australia (WA), collect your child's information to manage student enrolments in public schools. The information supports your child's school and contributes to an Australian education system which is fair for all students. This is done under the *School Education Act 1999* and the School Education Regulations 2000.

Note: In this document, 'parent' and 'you' include a child's parent or carer, the adult responsible for a child's day to day care, or a person enrolling on their own behalf.

Information collected for enrolment

When you enrol your child in a public school, you'll need to provide the following personal details and documents:

Child information

- Full name, date of birth, and gender
- Residential address and family living arrangements
- Whether the child identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Language background and languages spoken at home
- Current immunisation status
- Previous schools attended and educational history
- Learning, behavioural or other personal needs
- Health and medical conditions (including Form 1: Student health care summary)
- Australian citizenship or visa details

Parent information

- Name and relationship to your child
- Residential address and contact details
- Languages spoken at home
- Level of education, qualifications and occupation

Additional information

- Name and contact details of people the school can contact in an emergency
- Court or care orders or parenting plans, if applicable

CC BY Exclusions may apply

Why this information is collected for enrolment

Your information is used to:

- assess and manage enrolment applications
- confirm student identity
- communicate with students and families
- support student learning, health and wellbeing, behaviour and safety
- enable students to take part in state, national and international assessments and reporting, including the
  - NAPLAN in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9
  - Pre-primary Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)
  - secondary Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA)
  - Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on school students with disability
  - any other mandated assessments and reporting
- manage student identifiers like the WA Student Number (WASN) and SmartRider cards
- inform educational policy, planning, strategy, and research
- provide support, services, programs and funding to meet your child's needs.

If we do not collect this personal information, it may put a student at risk and make it harder to provide the right education plans and support. It may also mean we cannot meet our legal responsibilities.

How we use and share enrolment information

We only use and share your child's enrolment information for the purpose it is collected and when the law allows or requires it.

We may share your child's enrolment information with:

- another WA public school when your child changes schools, such as when:
  - your child transfers from Year 6 to Year 7
  - they participate in a school-arranged alternative education program
- their new non-government school or interstate school, if you provide permission
- government agencies for health, welfare and/or legal compliance, and child protection laws.

The personal information we collect is stored locally, within Australia, in our Student Information System and follows our Information and Communication Technologies policies.

Personal information is collected, managed, and disposed of following our Records Management policy and the *State Records Act 2000*.

Your rights – access and correcting enrolment information

You can contact your child's school if you:

- want to see or update the enrolment information you provided
- have concerns about how your child's enrolment information is being used or stored.

Updates to personal information provided throughout a student's schooling are considered part of a student enrolment record.

More information

To learn more about how we protect your information, visit our website's page about Privacy.

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