

## PRIVACY POLICY

SMART English Melbourne is committed to providing quality services to you and this policy outlines our ongoing obligations to you in respect of how we manage your Personal Information.

We have adopted the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (the Privacy Act). The APPs govern the way in which we collect, use, disclose, store, secure and dispose of your Personal Information.

A copy of the Australian Privacy Principles may be obtained from the website of The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner at [www.aaic.gov.au](http://www.aaic.gov.au)

### What is Personal Information and why do we collect it?

Personal Information is information or an opinion that identifies an individual. Examples of Personal Information we collect include: names, addresses, email addresses, phone and facsimile numbers.

This Personal Information is obtained in many ways including via our website, via enrolment and medical information forms, by email, and via education agents and from third parties such as our homestay providers.

We collect your Personal Information for the primary purpose of providing our services to you, providing information to our stakeholders, including education agents and homestay providers, and providing information to your parents if you are under the age of 18. Your medical information will only be shared with a teacher or doctor if it is necessary to keep you safe and healthy. You may be subscribed to a mailing list, and you can unsubscribe from this list at any time by contacting us in writing.

### Sensitive Information

Sensitive information is defined in the Privacy Act to include information, such as health information.

Sensitive information will be used by us only:

- For the primary purpose for which it was obtained
- With your consent; or where required or authorised by law.

### Third Parties

Where reasonable and practicable to do so, we will collect your Personal Information only from you. However, in some circumstances we may be provided with information by third parties. In such a case we will take reasonable steps to ensure that you are made aware of the information provided to us by the third party.

### Disclosure of Personal Information

Your Personal Information may be disclosed in a number of circumstances including the following:

- Third parties where you consent to the use or disclosure; and
- Where required or authorised by law.

### Security of Personal Information

Your Personal Information is stored in a manner that reasonably protects it from misuse and loss and from unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

When your Personal Information is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was obtained, we will take reasonable steps to destroy or permanently de-identify your Personal Information. However, most of the Personal Information is or will be stored in client files which will be kept by us for a minimum of 7 years.



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### **Access to your Personal Information**

You may access the Personal Information we hold about you and to update and/or correct it, subject to certain exceptions. If you wish to access your Personal Information, please contact us in writing.

In order to protect your Personal Information, we may require identification from you before releasing the requested information.

### **Maintaining the Quality of your Personal Information**

It is important to us that your Personal Information is up to date. We will take reasonable steps to make sure that your Personal Information is accurate, complete and up-to-date. If you find that the information we have is not up to date or is inaccurate, please advise us as soon as practicable so we can update our records and ensure we can continue to provide quality services to you.

### **Policy Updates**

This Policy may change from time to time and is available on our website.

### **Privacy Policy Complaints and Enquiries**

If you have any queries or complaints about our Privacy Policy please contact us at: [info@sem.edu.au](mailto:info@sem.edu.au).

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