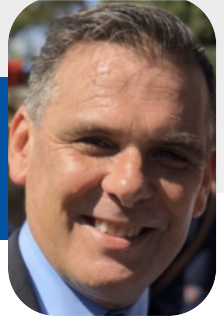


BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 3 | Week 2 | Date: Friday, 31st July

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Over the course of the year we have had the privilege of meeting with many families who are seeking enrolment at Bethany for their child into Kindergarten next year. The meetings are often the first encounter that the family has with our school. It's an occasion to commence fostering a **relationship** that will span the first seven years of a child's school life.



The meeting also provides an opportunity to begin to get to know each child as a unique person and learner - their aptitudes, readiness for school and other needs as a whole child. An area of particular interest during these meetings is whether the child has a regular connection with one or more **grandparents**.

It has been shown that grandparents who have an involvement in the lives of their grandchildren have a positive effect on the overall well-being of their grandchildren. The gift of time that grandparents make for their grandchildren is invaluable. Simple actions like listening, affirming, and speaking with grandchildren are precious. We also know that this relationship is reciprocal. Grandchildren love and admire their grandparents with a sense of appreciation and love that is **unconditional**.

The role that grandparents play in the lives of grandchildren may be different, but they all share an important role in helping to influence in a lasting way their grandchildren's formation. For grandparents, one of the greatest joys in this stage of life is being able to put time into nurturing a special **relationship** with a grandchild.

As society changes, the role of grandparent's changes. But some things about grandparents are **constant** and timeless. They help grandchildren better understand who they are by transmitting family values, teaching about family traditions and by telling stories about their parent's childhood.

Grandparents also play a pivotal role in imparting **wisdom** and **common sense**. They are equipped to do this because they have lived longer, have had greater experience, and have noticed the cycles and patterns of life. In this way grandparents can give us perspective on life.



Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of **St Joachim & St Anne** - Mary's parents and Jesus' earthly grandparents. We know very few facts about St. Joachim and St. Anne. Tradition says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God. It would seem that they performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace as they raised their daughter Mary. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour all grandparents and grandparent figures.

May God continue to bless all grandparents and grandparent figures.

Until next time,

Sergio Rosato

Quotes about **Grandparents**:

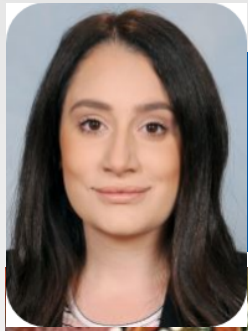
As long as there are grandparents there will be love in the world.

Problems disappear when grandparents appear.

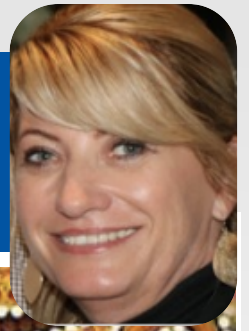
Grandparents are the only grown-ups who have spare time.

The biscuit tin is never empty at Grandma's.

Grandparents are the footsteps to the past and the future.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MASSES

Confirmation Masses will be held over four Sundays due to the retightening of restrictions placed on religious gatherings by the government. The dates are August 2nd, August 9th, August 16th and August 23rd all at 2pm.

Candidates, their sponsor along with their parents are all that are able to attend this celebration in the Church. A two metre distance between families is required. You will be asked to sign in, so therefore give sufficient time for this prior to 2 pm. Fr Suresh is suggesting families arrive at 1:15 pm.

A reminder about the dress code that is required. Father Suresh has requested the candidates to be dressed up appropriately like they did for their First Holy Communion. He wants the families to understand this is a sacrament that they are receiving and therefore the dress code should be respectful and show reverence. White is to be the predominant colour and no black is to be worn.

A professional photographer has been hired for the ceremonies. They will be taking cash only payments on the day. It is not compulsory to purchase photos through the professional photographer. Please note though, that **NO** photos are to be taken throughout the ceremony as this is a sacred time. At the end of the ceremony, group and individual photos can be taken by you should you wish to do so.

We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they embark on this journey.

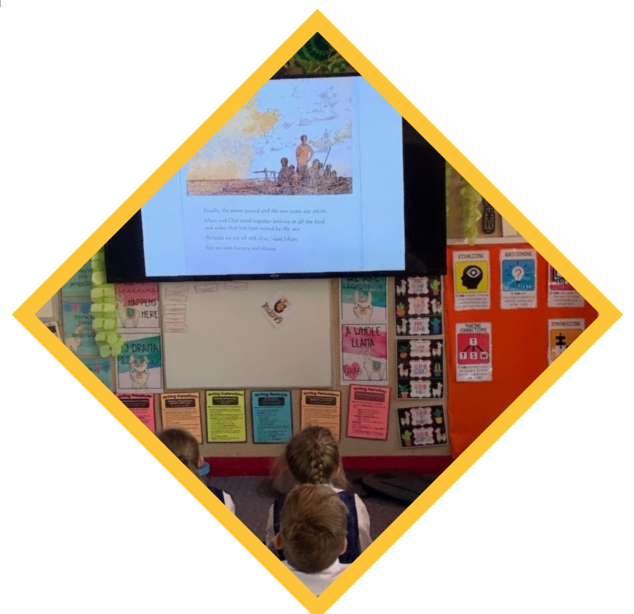
DRAFT NEW CURRICULUM - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CEDP Trial - Year 3

This term, using experiential learning through student inquiry, students in Year 3 will engage with the Learning Cycle that is based on the overarching question: How Am I Merciful In My Daily Life?

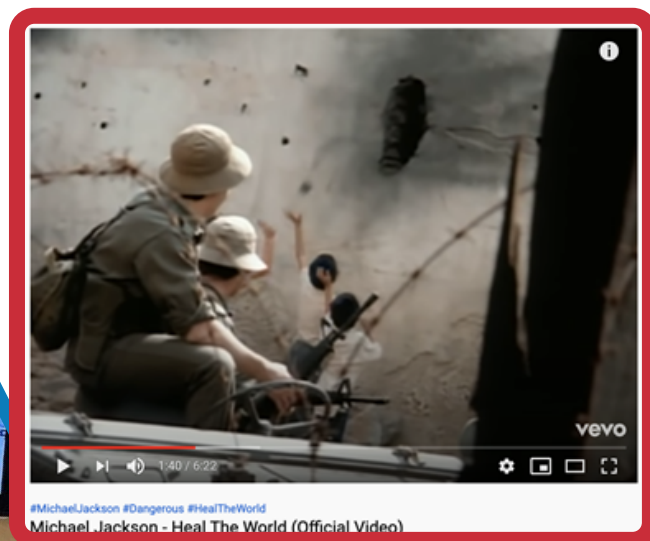
The essential content covers the following:

- The importance of forgiveness and justice for human flourishing
- Jesus' teachings on forgiveness and mercy
- How Sacred Scriptures give us insight into the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings us closer to God and neighbour
- How there are many ways to receive the gift of Mercy

The students began the cycle with what is known as 'ignite event'. The 'ignite event' included a picture book reading 'The Littlest Refugee', the song 'Heal the World', 'Marvel' comic illustrations and real life visual images that sparked the students' curiosity and encouraged conversations and wonderings that become questions for the inquiry.



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We look forward to following their journey throughout the term.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Thursday 6th August

The Feast of the Transfiguration recalls and celebrates Jesus' revelation of his divinity to three of his friends—Peter, James, and John—on a high point on Mount Tabor.

According to the Gospel accounts, Jesus took the three disciples onto the mountain to pray. While they were praying, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light that radiated from him and his clothing. Moses and Elijah, the greatest prophets of the Old Testament, appeared with Jesus, and a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

The account of the Transfiguration points backward to the Old Covenant (symbolized by the presence of Moses and Elijah) and the New Covenant, foreshadowed in the revelation of Jesus' divine glory.

At the Transfiguration God assigns to Jesus a special "honor and glory" and it is the turning point at which God exalts Jesus above all other powers in creation, and positions him as ruler and judge.

The Apostles' experience at the Transfiguration reminds us that no matter how powerful a spiritual experience is, the time comes when we have to come down off the mountain and rejoin our everyday life. But when we do so, we need to do it as a changed person.



Image: Stained glass window, Mielno, Poland | photo by Tineau

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ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP - FEAST DAY - Saturday 8th August

August 8 is the solemnity of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop).

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless.

She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

On 8th August students will participate in classroom prayer experience to honour St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This will be uploaded to the school FACEBOOK page.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - MASS



Saturday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption. This celebration refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed - body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Due to this feast not falling on a weekday, we will be sending our Student Representative Council to represent Bethany as an audience for a presentation led by Father Suresh. This will be held in the Bethany staffroom. The remainder of the school will join this presentation to hear about this special feast via ZOOM.

A prayer experience will be uploaded to the school FACEBOOK page that you can access at a time that might suit you and your family.

Masses for the Feast of the Assumption will be a Vigil Mass on Friday 14th August at 7pm and on Saturday 15th August at 9am.

Please note, there is a 100 person limit to who can attend the Mass, so please be early on the day to register your attendance.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 2nd August	Confirmation Mass - 2pm, Padre Pio Church
Tuesday 4th August	School Photos - Absentees
Sunday 9th August	Confirmation Mass - 2pm, Padre Pio Church
Friday 14th August	Feast of the Assumption Mass , Years K-6, Padre Pio Church - 9:00am
Sunday 16th August	Confirmation Mass - 2pm, Padre Pio Church
Thursday 20th August	Finding Oz Day Year 6
Sunday 23rd August	Confirmation Mass - 2pm, Padre Pio Church



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SPORTS NEWS UPDATE:

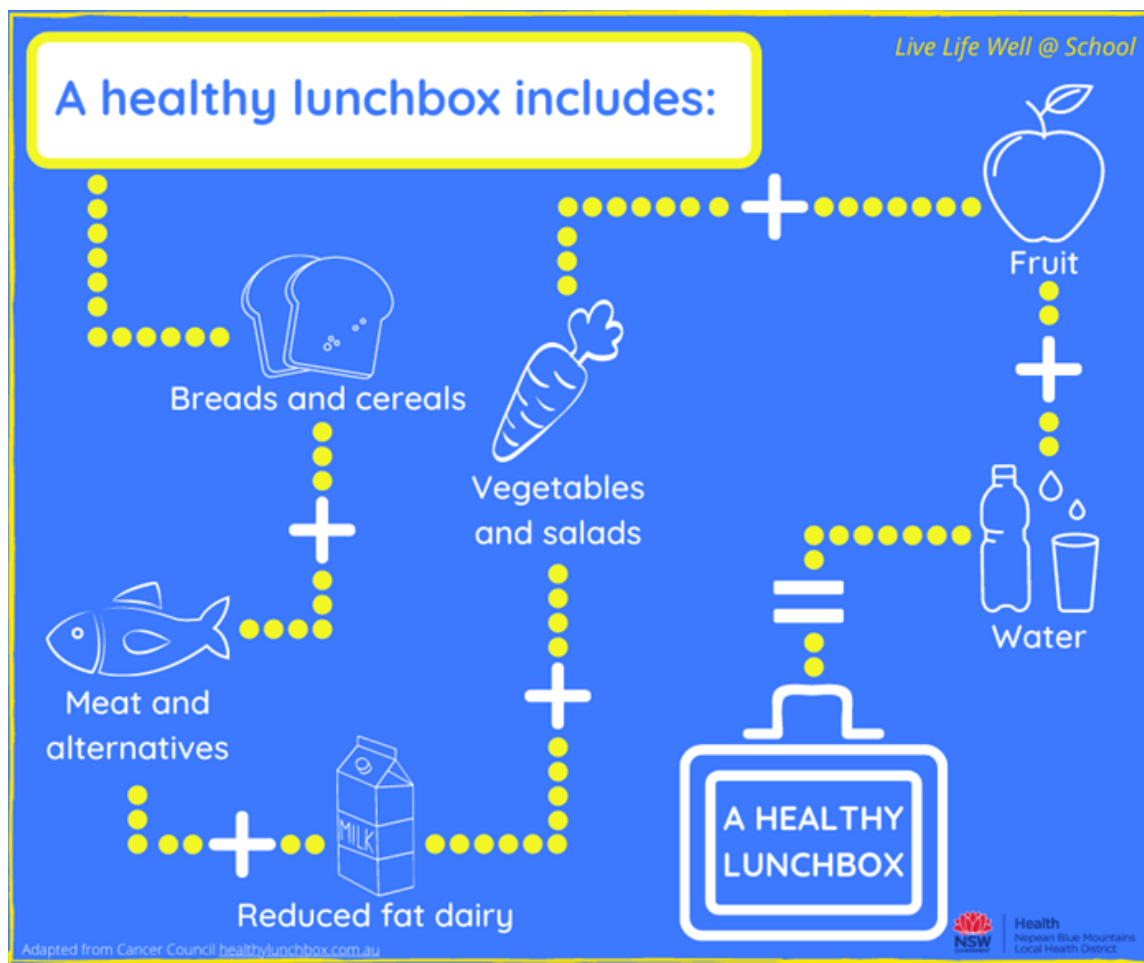
Welcome to Term 3. I am enjoying hearing the students tell me about the training and competitions they are involved in for weekend sport!

Unfortunately, due to the current climate the following sporting events have been CANCELLED:

Bethany School Athletics Carnival
Zone and Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Mark Taylor Shield Cricket Competition
Soccer Gala days

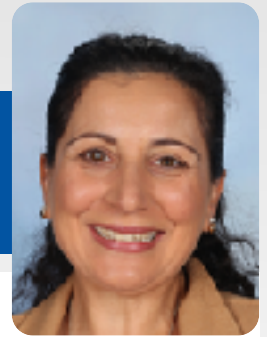


HEALTHY MIND, HEALTHY BODY



Mrs Neilly

LIBRARY



NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway for 2020, with students across the school delving into some wonderful new books.

The Challenge closes on the Friday 28th August 2020, so it is not too late to start.

For PRC rules and booklists please go to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Students who have completed the PRC in previous years can log in using the same username and password.

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the challenge:

Natalya - KB

Thierry - 2B

Willow - 2R

Bethany - 2R

Mary - 2R

Monique - 2R

Caleb - 3W

Francesca - 3R

Alexander - 4R

Grace - 5R

Isabella - 5B

Zachary - 5B

Dominic - 5W

Sofia - 6W

Dominic - 6W

Michael - 6R

Isaac - 6R

All students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be completing the challenge by books read to them during our Library time.

BOOK CLUB

Orders Close - 31st July 2020

The Scholastic Book Club brochure for Term 3 was recently sent home with each student. You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The [Book Club LOOP platform](#) for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Liepa

How to order on the
Book Club platform
bookclubs.scholastic.com.au

LOG-IN

On initial log in each year, you will need to complete the Wizard.

- 1 Select your **ISSUE**
- 2 Click on the **ORDER** tab
- 3 Select your **CLASS**
- 4 Select **STUDENT** or add a student
Add their items. Repeat 3 + 4 until all the orders are entered.
- 5 Choose payment type.
When done, click **NEXT**
If applicable, click **USE VOUCHERS/REWARDS**
or click **PAYMENT SUMMARY**
- 6 **SUBMIT ORDER**
Remember: Submit your **LOOP** orders at the same time so all books arrive together.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform makes an unambiguous statement of our Bethany Community. As a school we see ourselves working with families to ensure that our students wear their uniforms correctly and are suitably presented at all times.

We believe that by encouraging students to take pride in themselves and their appearance we are establishing important life skills, employment readiness as well as promoting self-esteem and a sense of belonging to our school community.

Our school expectations include:

- Students wear the **correct** school uniform **every day**.
- School **hats** are worn **each day** whilst outdoors and all year round.
- Sport uniforms are worn **only** on designated sports days.
- Students should wear **neat** and **tidy** hairstyles.
- Hair is to be kept **off the collar** or **tied back** securely. No hair should be in the way of the eyes.
- Hair is **not to be coloured** or **tinted** including braid extensions with colour.
- Unusual **styles** or **cuts** are not allowed e.g. clipper designs, undercuts etc.
- For **safety** and **consistency** excessive jewellery is not permitted, except for one pair of sleepers or small plain ear studs and wrist watch.
- A chain with a **cross** or **religious medallion** may be worn. No leather or bead necklaces are to be worn.
- Nails should be **unvarnished**, kept clean and neatly trimmed.
- **No make-up** is to be worn.

We ask that parents reinforce these expectations with their children at home.

Parents are asked to write a letter/email to the classroom teacher if their child is **temporarily** out of uniform, e.g. wearing incorrect shoes.

Students who consistently lapse in wearing the correct uniform and following these expectations will be contacted by the school.



OTHER NEWS

SCHOOL FEES

Installment 3 invoices are being sent out by CEDP this week. If you have not received your invoice by Friday 7th August (Week 3), or are unable to pay the school fees, please contact Wendy Vincent on 4723 37000.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify the school as soon as possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within 7 **days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfill this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

What is your responsibility?

- Ensure your child attends school every day
- Notify the school immediately if your child is absent
- Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days
- Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

- Online via the Skoolbag app
- Email at bethany@parra.catholic.edu.au
- Telephone the school office on 4723 3700
- Note sent with your child upon their return to school.

every learner every day 

COMMUNICATION

The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

30/07/20	ACAAR Collection Student Background Data Notice 3B Reports
29/07/20	Book Club
28/07/20	Important Information - COVID-19
27/07/20	Year 6 end of year arrangements Guitar Club Finding OZ Day Staff Development Day - Postponed School Photos Wednesday 29th July - Update
24/07/20	Year 2 Mini Writing Festival
23/07/20	Nationally Consistent Collection of Data Notice COVID-19 Update Blessing of Grandparents at Padre Pio Parish Masses
22/07/21	Collection Notice - 7th August Census Personalised Plans
21/07/21	Term 3 Sport Uniform Roster School Uniform and Appearance Clarification on Arrival and Dismissal UP-DATE - COVID-19 Our Lady of Lebanon
20/07/21	Busways - School Bus Service change



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Australian Government

Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Dear parent / guardian / staff member

2020 Non-Government School Census collection notice

The Australian Government provides funding to Australian schools under the *Australian Education Act 2013* (AE Act). The AE Act and the associated *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the AE Regulation) require that a school authority provides the Australian Government with certain information about the school, its staff, and student body to ensure the school's funding is properly calculated and appropriately managed. This information is collected by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) on behalf of the Australian Government.

What information does the department collect in the Non-Government Schools Census?

Any personal information collected is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*, and will be handled in accordance with that Act, the AE Act and the AE Regulation.

The authorities that operate schools, such as a Catholic Education Office or an independent school authority, will provide basic information about the school to the Australian Government. This includes its name, address, contact details and years of schooling offered.

The school authority must provide information to the department about the makeup of the school's staff and student body during an annual school census. This is because Australian Government funding varies according to whether students are primary, secondary, receiving distance education, or are overseas students and is calculated to provide additional funding, called 'loadings', for students at educational disadvantage.

The school authority must provide the department with information about the number of staff and students at the school (no names are provided), including the number of:

- teaching and non-teaching staff
- primary and secondary students
- full-time and part-time students
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students
- students with disability
- students receiving distance education
- boarding students
- overseas students.

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The department will also collect the name, position and contact details of the staff member nominated as the primary contact for the annual census.

The authority is required to publish some of this information, and it is also published by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) on the My School website at www.myschool.edu.au.

There may be circumstances in which a school authority will voluntarily provide personal information about individual students to the department. Where a student has not attended a school during the annual Census Reference Period, but the authority wishes to receive funding for them, the authority will provide the department with information about a student showing they meet funding criteria. The department does not require information that identifies an individual student and asks the authority to censor any documents before providing them. The department will destroy any documents it deems sensitive immediately upon receiving them.

Why is this information collected?

The department collects the information outlined above for the purposes of the AE Act, which include:

- calculation of Australian Government funding
- publishing and providing information about schools to the public.

The department also uses the information for research, statistical analysis, and policy development on school education for the Australian Government.

Aggregated information from the annual school census about the school's student body may also be used to validate data from other collections undertaken by the department, such as the Student Residential Address And Other Information Collection.

Who receives this information?

School authorities provide this information directly to the department. The department may in turn pass the information on to ACARA, state and territory education departments and authorities, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), and the Productivity Commission. Information passed to ACARA, state and territory education authorities, the ABS, and the Productivity Commission is used by those organisations for their public purposes. For example, the information collected from school authorities under the AE Act forms part of the national statistical collection maintained by the ABS.

From time to time, the department engages contractors to audit or verify school records to ensure that the information a school authority provides to the department on behalf of a school is accurate. The information previously collected by the department may also be passed onto these contractors for this purpose. When carrying out an audit, the contractors may need to access information about individual students from the school's records. This information may be 'personal information' within the meaning given in the *Privacy Act 1988*.

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The contractors may pass this information onto officers within the department if there is a discrepancy in the data provided by the school and the school's records and further investigation is required.

The department will also provide the information to other organisations if required or authorised by law to do so. Other than in exceptional circumstances (for example, investigation of fraud relating to overseas students), the department does not disclose any of the personal information collected to overseas recipients.

Contacts for further information

If you have questions about the collection of information about schools by the Australian Government under the *Australian Education Act 2013*, please contact:

The Recurrent Assistance for Schools team at: schools@dese.gov.au.

You can get more information about the way in which the department will manage any personal information collected, including information on accessing or correcting that personal information, and how to make a complaint, in our full privacy policy at www.dese.gov.au/privacy or by requesting a copy from the department at privacy@dese.gov.au.

NCCD Data collection

Every year in August, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Schools are required to provide federal education authorities information on the number of students receiving adjustments to their learning in order for them to access education.

The information collected by NCCD helps schools and governments to better support and fund students. This support is documented in a collaborative process through an NCCD personalised plan (PP).

Details such as student names or student identifiers, are not provided to federal education authorities in the census.

Please refer to the attached letter if your child is supported at school via a NCCD personalised plan.

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/sites/default/files/fact%20sheet%20for%20parents%20guardians%20and%20carers.pdf>

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