



## For parents/guardians of students:

# Frequently Asked Questions– 2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection

### What do I need to do?

Your school will provide the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department) with the information that is required as part of the Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the address collection).

The only thing you need to do is to ensure that your school has up-to-date:

- residential address details for your child(ren)
- parent and/or guardian names and addresses.

Please do not send this information to the department.

### What information is being collected?

Schools provide the following information about each student to the department:

- Student residential address (**not student names**)
- Student level of education (i.e. whether the student is a primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (i.e. whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

### Why is this information being collected?

This collection is undertaken each year and is used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent.

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On 20 September 2018 the Government announced that it will implement a new, improved capacity to contribute methodology used in the calculation of the Commonwealth's needs-based funding arrangements for non-government schools. This follows a review of the existing socio-economic status (SES) score methodology by the National School Resourcing Board. Further information about the review and the Government's response can be found here: <https://www.education.gov.au/review-socio-economic-status-ses-score-methodology>.

The information that is collected will be used to refine the new capacity to contribute methodology and may also be used in school funding calculations from 2020.

### When is the 2019 address collection?

The collection will open on 19 February 2019 and close on 18 March 2019.

### Is my personal information secure?

Yes. Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Additionally, any use and disclosure of your personal information relating to the address collection will occur in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation 2013.

Your personal information gathered under the collection may be used by the department, or disclosed to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (the ABS), for the purposes of SES score policy development, reviewing SES score methodology, calculating SES scores, Commonwealth school education policy development (including school funding), or where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

To support the collection, the department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). Among other things, the PIA assesses the flows of information under the collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in-place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The report is available at <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/51436>.

The collection notice you were provided by your school also contains additional information about how the department may use and disclose your personal information.

### Who should I contact if I have concerns about privacy?

If you have any concerns about privacy relating to this collection you can contact the department by:

- Email: [seshelpdesk@education.gov.au](mailto:seshelpdesk@education.gov.au)
- Phone: [1800 677 027](tel:1800677027) (select Option 4)