INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK TEST (IBT) - PRIVACY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parent

Your child’s school has chosen to administer the International Benchmark Test (“the IBT”) to its students. The IBT is an assessment program designed by The Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (ABN 19 004 398 145) (“ACER”) for students in school year levels 3 to 10 in all countries internationally. The aims of the IBT include: to measure student performance in English, Mathematics and Science; provide schools with reliable information on student abilities; and to provide comparisons to local, national and international benchmarks (“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 will collect, store, use and disclose it for the purpose of administering and reporting on the results of the IBT 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 was not provided your child will not be able to participate in the Assessment and assist in achieving the Aims.

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 IBT you have consented to such disclosure and ACER’s collection, use and storage of your child’s personal information for the Purpose. 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 his or her 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.

Your rights
ACER takes seriously the protection of your child’s personal information. ACER will abide by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

You and your child has the right to:
1. inspect the respective 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: http://www.acer.edu.au/privacy which sets out the processes of how you may attend to the same.

Yours sincerely
IBT Project Director