

Collection of Personal Information Notice

Section 33 of the FOIPP Act (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy)

The *FOIP Act*, which came into effect for school boards on September 1, 1998, sets controls and standards on how public bodies, such as school boards, collect, use and disclose personal information that is in their custody or under their control.

The *FOIP Act* requires:

1. That school boards collect personal information directly from individuals whom the information is about.
2. That these individuals be provided with the legal authority for the collection of said personal information.
3. That school boards explain the purpose of the collection and how the personal information will be used.
4. That school boards provide a contact person should they have any questions relating to this activity.

The information collected on this form as part of the school registration process is personal information as referred to in the *FOIP Act*. This personal information is collected pursuant to the provisions of the *School Act* and its regulations (e.g. for the establishment of a student record, determination of residency) and pursuant to section 32(c) of the *FOIP Act* as the collection is related directly to and is necessary to a school board's obligation to provide students with an education program that meets their needs and to provide a safe and secure school environment (e.g. program placement, determination of eligibility and/or suitability for provincial or federal funding, contact and health related information in the event of problems or emergencies).

Personal information may also be provided to the Minister of Education for the purpose of carrying out programs, activities, or policies under his administration (e.g. research, statistical analysis).

Once the information is collected and compiled, Elk Island Catholic Schools believes the uses listed below are part of a vital, healthy and functioning school and participation of all students is important and encouraged. Here are examples of activities where personal information may be used:

- the taking of individual, class, team or club photos for school purposes.
- the use of student information, including photos, for the issuance of transit/bus transportation passes and for other identification purposes.
- the videotaping of students on Division buses for the purpose of safe and secure transport of students to and from school and related activities.
- the use of student's names in honour rolls, work ethic, (listings), graduation ceremonies, scholarship or other awards within the school or school boards.
- the use of student's names and academic information necessary for determining eligibility or suitability for provincial, federal or other types of awards or scholarships in the event the board applies on a student's behalf.
- the use of student's names, related contact information and telephone numbers for absenteeism verification.
- the taking of photos and/or videos of classroom activities, and their use by the media or other organizations where *students are not interviewed or identified by name*.
- the taking of photos/videos of classroom or other school activities by the school board where the material will be used within the school. Where individual students are identified or interviewed and the material will be used outside the school, a separate and specific consent will be required. You will be contacted prior to this event taking place.
- the use of student's names on artwork or other creative work or material of students displayed at school or school board sites or at a school or school board sponsored display in the community.

Where individual students are identified or interviewed and the material will be used outside the school a separate and specific consent will be required. You will be contacted prior to this event taking place. However, photos and/or videos of school activities that are open to the general public may be taken and used for purposes within and outside of the school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the collection and the intended purposes, please contact Mr. Robert Simonowits, Assistant Superintendent - Student Services, Elk Island Catholic Schools, at 780-467-8896.
