INFORMATION REQUIRED TO DETERMINE SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS (SES) SCORES FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS FOR 2014-2017

STATEMENT OF ADDRESSES

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the Department), to advise you that the Department has requested your child’s school to provide the Department with a “statement of addresses”. A statement of addresses contains the following three pieces of information about students at the school:

- Students’ residential addresses (not student names)
- Students’ level of education (primary or secondary)
- Students’ boarding school status (boarders or day students)

Authority for and Purpose of Collection

The Department has requested your child’s school to provide a statement of addresses under section 21 of the Australian Education Regulation 2013.

The Department requires a statement of addresses from the school in order to calculate the school’s socio-economic status (SES) score. Under the Australian Education Act 2013, a school’s SES score determines its capacity to contribute percentage, which in turn affects the amount of base Commonwealth recurrent funding which the school attracts under that Act.

The Department will only use the information in a statement of addresses for this specific purpose.

Under section 21 of the Australian Education Regulation 2013, a statement of addresses cannot identify an individual student. All information in the statement of addresses provided by your child’s school to the Department is de-identified, and the Department does not correlate the information in a statement of addresses with individual students at the school.

Nevertheless, it is important to ensure that statements of addresses are accurate, and the Department may from time to time carry out audits of statements of addresses to verify their accuracy. In that case, the Department’s contracted auditors may seek to compare a school’s statement of addresses with student enrolment information held by the school.

Disclosure of Information

The information provided by your child’s school in a statement of addresses may be disclosed by the Department to contractors working for the Department for the purposes of verifying the information. The contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

The Department may also provide this information to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). ACARA will use this information in developing and evaluating Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) formulas and school values.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this notice, you can contact the Department by:

- phone through the SES helpline on 1800 677 027 (Option 1 then Option 4) (free call)
- email to: seshelpdesk@education.gov.au.