## **DRAFT NEWSLETTER ARTICLE**

## THE IMPACT OF PRIVACY LAW ON THE INFORMATION PARENTS CAN BE PROVIDED ABOUT OTHER PARENT'S CHILDREN

Our school holds information about our students. Some of this information is highly sensitive.

The way this information is collected, used, disclosed and secured by our school is subject to NSW legislation including the <u>Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998</u>, <u>Health Records and Information Protection Act 2002</u> and the <u>Children and Young Persons</u> (<u>Care and Protection</u>) <u>Act 1998</u>.

These laws limit the circumstances in which your child's information can be disclosed to other parents. They also limit the circumstances in which you can be provided with information about action the school has taken in relation to other people's children.

This means, for example, you may not be provided with complete details of the action the school has taken in relation to a student who has engaged in unacceptable behaviour that has impacted on your child.

You should not assume that no action has been taken because you cannot be provided with information about what the school has done to deal with an issue relating to your child's interaction with another student.

Our school takes inappropriate behaviour from students very seriously and responds to that behaviour consistent with the school's student discipline and welfare procedures.