

Pakenham Hills PS Photography, Filming and Recording Policy

PURPOSE

To explain to parents/carers how Pakenham Hills PS will collect, use and disclose photographs, video and recordings of students, how parent/carer consent can be provided and how it can be withdrawn.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the general collection, use and disclosure of photographs, video and recordings (images) of students.

POLICY

This policy outlines the practices that Pakenham Hills PS has in place for the collection, use and disclosure of images of students to ensure compliance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). It also explains the circumstances in which Pakenham Hills PS will seek parent/carer consent and how consent can be provided and/or withdrawn.

As a general rule, use relates to images which are shared and distributed only within the school for school purposes (i.e. ID photos, Compass), whilst disclosure is used for images which are shared and distributed outside of the school staff and are available to other students, parents/carers and the wider school community.

Pakenham Hills PS will ensure that parents/carers are notified upon enrolment and at the commencement of each school year of the ways in which our school may use images of students. There are many occasions during the school year where staff photograph, film or record students participating in school activities or events, for example classroom activities, sports events, concerts, excursions, camps etc. We do this for many reasons including to celebrate student participation and achievement, showcase particular learning programs, document a student's learning journey/camps/excursions/sports events, communicate with our parents/carers and school community in newsletters and on classroom blogs/apps/.

Pakenham Hills PS will use student images reasonably, appropriately and sensitively, consistent with our obligations under the Child Safe Standards and our school's Child Safety Policy OR Statement of Commitment to Child Safety. If at any time a parent/carer or student has a concern about the use of any images they should contact the school office.

In addition to the processes outlined below, parents/carers can contact the school office at any time to withdraw their consent for any future collection, use or disclosure of images of their child.

However:

- if the images have already been published and are in the public domain, it may not be possible for consent to be withdrawn.
- There may be occasions when the school will record whole of school or large group events and make those recordings available to the school community through DVD sales etc], such as school concert, speech nights, sports events and if your child participates, they may appear in these recordings which will be available to the whole school community.
- The school can still collect, use and disclose images in circumstances where consent is not required (see below for more information).

Official school photographs

Each year Pakenham Hills PS will arrange for a professional photographer to take official school photographs of students. This will generally involve both class photos and individual photos being taken.

Official school photographs may be:

- purchased by parents/carers
- used for school identification cards
- stored on CASES21 for educational and administrative purposes.

Pakenham Hills PS will notify parents/carers in advance of the official school photographs being taken to give them an opportunity to decide whether their child will be included in the official school photographs.

Parents/carers who choose to opt-out of having their child participate in official school photographs must contact the school before the date photos are scheduled to be taken to advise that their child will not participate. There is no obligation on any parent or carer to purchase any photographs taken.

Images for use and disclosure within the school community and ordinary school communications

From time to time Pakenham Hills PS may photograph, film or record students to use within the school community, including:

- in the school's communication, learning and teaching tools (for example, emails, classroom blogs or apps that can only be accessed by students, parents or school staff with passwords eg Xuno, Class Dojo etc)
- for display in school classrooms, on noticeboards etc
- in the school's newsletter
- to support student's health and wellbeing (eg photographs of pencil grip to assist in OT assessments)

Consent to photograph, film or record is done when your enrol your child / children at our school. This permission will remain valid, until it is withdrawn by the parent.

Images to be used or disclosed outside the school community

External use or disclosure by the school

Photographs, video or recordings of students may also be used in publications that are accessible to the public, including:

- on the school's website, including in the school newsletter which is publicly available on the website
- on the school's social media accounts

The Consent Form also covers these types of uses and will be distributed to parents/carers on enrolment.

We will notify you individually if we are considering using any images of your child for specific advertising or promotional purposes.

Media

The media, or the Department of Education and Training's media team, may seek to photograph, film or record students for a news story or school event. This may include broadcast media, online or social media or print media, including newspapers and magazine publications.

When our school receives such requests Pakenham Hills PS will:

- provide parents/carers with information about the organisation involved and when/for what purposes the photography, filming or recording will occur
- seek prior, express parent/carers consent in writing.

Students will only be photographed, filmed or recorded by the media at school if express consent is provided
This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school’s website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Placed on Google Drive for all staff to access
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings, as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- the Department’s Policy and Advisory Library: [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Pakenham Hills Primary School is committed to ensuring this policy is publicised and implemented, and will monitor and review its effectiveness.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s multi-year review cycle.

This policy does not require School Council Approval.

Dale Hendrick
Principal

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1	July 2022	Complete re-write of policy in line with latest DET guidelines	Dale Hendrick