1. [Magdalene Catholic High School (Smeaton Grange Road, NARELLAN, Ph: 02 4647 7055)] is a school under the auspices of the Catholic Education Office of the Diocese of Wollongong. The School and the Diocese both independently and through its Schools, collects personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil's enrolment at the School. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the School to provide schooling for your son/daughter.

2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the School's legal obligations, particularly to enable the School to discharge its duty of care.

3. Certain laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require that certain information is collected. These include Public Health and Child Protection laws.

4. Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the National Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. The School will ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.

5. The School from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes. This includes to other schools, State and Federal Government departments, the Catholic Education Office, the Catholic Education Commission, Catholic Commission for Employment Relations, the Diocese of Wollongong and the parish, schools within other Dioceses, medical practitioners, CEO and diocesan insurers, and people providing services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, sports and other educational coaches, as well as volunteers and counsellors.

6. If the School does not obtain the information referred to above it may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.

7. Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to you as their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and other news is published in School newsletters, magazines and on the School or Catholic Education Office website.

8. Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the School Principal. Pupils may also seek access to personal information about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the School's duty of care to the pupil, or where pupils have provided information in confidence.

9. As you may know the School from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. Such information may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. The School will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.

10. The School may include your contact details in a class list and School directory.

11. If you provide the School with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, you are encouraged to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the School does not usually disclose the information to third parties.

Peter Turner
Director of Schools    January 2008