

## Policy Statement

## Freedom of Information and Confidentiality

### 1. Policy Statement

- This policy statement should be read in conjunction with the [SACE Data and Information Policy](#). This policy provides the underpinning basis for the release of SACE data and information to the public in accordance with the South Australian *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.
- The SACE Data and Information Policy does not supersede the Board's legislative obligations to the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. The SACE Board is committed to its legislative obligations under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.
- The SACE Data and Information Policy provides a framework within which the Board will manage its data and information while honoring its obligations under the FOI Act.

### 2. Policy Principles

The broad principles governing the Board's policy on the public release of SACE data and information are as follows:

- The integrity of the Board's assessment, certification and quality assurance procedures must be protected through appropriate legislative, security and confidentiality arrangements.
- The Board respects the privacy of individuals and the confidentiality of information which it possesses and which relates to individuals, schools, school sectors and other organisations and bodies that use SACE data and information.
- From time to time research, evaluation data, working reports, and Board and Board committee documents are identified as confidential and this carries obligations for those having access to this information to respect and protect its confidentiality.
- Similarly, staff employed by the office of the SACE Board of South Australia and other people who are associated with Board assessment and moderation activities and other confidential matters have an obligation to protect the confidentiality of information to which they have privileged access. Such staff will be asked to sign an agreement to this effect.
- The Board is committed to the educational, ethical and legal use of SACE data and information to improve educational practice and enhance understanding of the factors that contribute to student achievement. The public provision of SACE data and information is intended to contribute to the improvement of educational practice and enhanced understanding of the factors contributing to student achievement.



- The Board will establish appropriate agreements with other bodies, organisations or individuals to ensure that SACE data and information that is provided to these bodies, organisations or individuals is used in accordance with the SACE Data and Information Policy and any arrangements for the exchange of SACE data and information is compliant with the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.
- The Board is committed to the government's principles of openness and accountability and will therefore respect its obligations under Freedom of Information legislation.

### **3. *Freedom of Information (Exempt Agency) Regulations 2008***

Under the *Freedom of Information (Exempt Agency) Regulations 2008* the SACE Board is an exempt agency in respect of certain functions and information (Regulation 8).

