Privacy Information Statement – ABLES

What is a Privacy Information Statement?

When a digital service or application is utilised as part of the teaching and learning curriculum, we require your consent to allow collection, use and disclosure of your child's personal information including when data is transferred and held in cloud-based storage offshore, outside Australia. The following Privacy Information Statement provides information about the application to allow informed consent to be provided.

What is ABLES?

ABLES - Abilities Based Learning and Education Support is an online application assessment tool to identify students with potential disability or additional needs to then allow teachers to plan a targeted and individualised educational program. ABLES has been created and is owned and operated by the University of Melbourne.

What data is collected?

Personal information collected on account registration is full name of teacher and student, student year of birth, class name, student identifier code, created by the school and school code allocated by University of Melbourne. Throughout the use of the application student assessments and reports are captured.

How is the data used?

Data collected is used for the purpose of assessing and developing targeted educational programs for students with an identified disability and or additional learning needs. Individual assessments and reports are also generated.

Is the data secure?

The Ruby platform provides strong encrypted and security protocols to safeguard all traffic data during use. Permission-based access controls are utilised, while the system manages user access and consent to ensure personal and sensitive identifying data is encrypted and protected.

Who has access to the data?

School staff as Assessors can view selected personal data and conduct assessments. Participant administrators are NT School administrators and nominated department staff are able to enter and edit personal data. University of Melbourne team access data for analysis of assessments and reporting. University ABLES system technicians in day-to-day operations perform system maintenance and can only access personal data with provided permissions on a needs basis. Parents of students are offered a demonstration of how ABLES is utilised and shown report results.

When is the data deleted?

ABLES state they will destroy identifiable data in accordance with the University of Melbourne Records Management Policy, which is 15 years after the student has reached 18 years of age. NT School staff are responsible to transfer any relevant assessments and reports to the individual students' record file.

Where is the data?

ABLES in the Ruby platform is completely owned and operated by the University of Melbourne in a cloud-based environment on the premises and also utilising Amazon Web Services AWS databases in Sydney.

Further Information

https://about.unimelb.edu.au/strategy/governance/compliance/privacy

https://education.unimelb.edu.au/melbourne-assessment/home/ables

Education privacy information:
Department of Education Privacy Policy

For further information on the *Northern Territory Information Act* and *Information Privacy Principles*:
Home | The Office of the Information Commissioner Northern Territory

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