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Dear Parent or Guardian,

St Columba's School, along with other Catholic, Independent and Government schools, collects Student Background Data (SBD) on behalf of the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Data collected are for calculating the Index of Socio Educational Advantage (SEA) model that determines schools that qualify for special assistance. Collected student background data include the following:

- The gender of your child;
- The country of birth of your child;
- Aboriginality, or other ethnicities;
- Your occupation and educational qualifications (in very broad terms); and,
- The main languages/dialect spoken at home by parents/guardians and your child.

This information may have been provided by parents and guardians when the child first enrolled at St Columba's School. If there were changes to your situation or the data is not accurate, please complete the attached form and return this to the school by Tuesday 15 June 2021.

Collected information will be confidential and used for its intended purpose only. No individual person or school will be identifiable and linked with the results.

Capturing languages and dialects spoken at home is important for recognising and celebrating the cultural and linguistic diversity of students at St Columba's School and to provide them with relevant support (if required) and to ensure a culturally and linguistic responsive environment and resources. It is important for our school to identify:

- students who speak another language or dialect as well as parents/guardians who speak another language or dialect at home, as this indicates that the student has a Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE). Dialects include dialects of English such as Pakistani English, Singaporean English, Ugandan English, etc.
- students who speak Aboriginal English. Aboriginal English is the name given to the various kinds of English spoken by the majority of Aboriginal students from urban, rural and remote areas of Australia and is a powerful vehicle for the expression of Aboriginal connection and identity.

We appreciate your support and cooperation to achieving this outcome through our data collection.

If there are some questions regarding the data requested, please feel free to contact us to discuss. We may be contacted through 9208 2701 or admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au. For more information regarding the data collection, you may refer to <https://www.acara.edu.au/reporting/data-standards-manual-student-background-characteristics>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Art Lombardi
Principal