



STUDENT PRIVACY and CONFIDENTIALITY

Board and Parent expectations on privacy and confidentiality school counselling

Keeping confidences - the message from Boards

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or

- You're likely to be harmed or abused (whether physically, sexually or emotionally) or neglected, and you're under 17.

Student privacy and confidentiality school counselling

Keeping confidences – the message to students

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No. Anything you tell a school counsellor is confidential and they can't tell other school staff or your parents, unless you agree to particular things being passed on.

There's an exception to this when there are serious issues that justifies the counsellor passing on the information. They can do this if they believe on reasonable grounds that:

– There's a serious danger, in the immediate or foreseeable future, to you or someone else,
or

- You're likely to be harmed or abused (whether physically, sexually or emotionally) or neglected, and you're under 17.