



# PENRITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Christ Centred Education for Significant and Abundant Living*

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Dear Parents and Guardians

## **Tonga and Japan Homestay Visits**

Penrith Christian School is committed to the achievement of the highest standards of education in which the security, protection and comfort of students is a high priority.

For many years, we have asked our parent volunteers to sign the PCS Volunteer Declaration as an acknowledgement that parents/guardians/close family members are familiar with the Volunteers' Handbook, the PCS Volunteer Code of Conduct, and the information contained therein concerning the Duty of Care and Legal Liability towards our students – your children.

In line with important legal changes to the Working with Children Check in June 2018, we communicated that all parent helpers volunteering on overnight camps, must have a Working with Children Check.

To broaden the care and protection of children, we have resolved to extend this safeguard to protect our Homestay guests, primarily the students we host from Tonga and Japan, year to year.

### **APPLYING FOR A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:**

- visit <https://wwccheck.cyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application#> and apply for a free 'Volunteer Check'
- Complete your online application
- Take note of the Application Number (something like 'APP1578120')
- Visit the Roads and Maritime Services, with your Application Number and the requested points of identification
- Your Working with Children Check number will be emailed to you 5-10 days after your visit
- Email your number to [sherilyn.freeburn@pcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sherilyn.freeburn@pcs.nsw.edu.au), along with your date of birth, and we can update your records accordingly.

We appreciate everyone who volunteers for Penrith Christian School and those who represent our School by hosting students. Whilst this is an additional measure for our hosting families, it is in the best interests of our School and the students in our care.

Yours faithfully

**Bruce Nevill**  
**Principal**