

+CONNECT PRIVACY POLICY (FOR APP AND WEBSITE)

INTRODUCTION

Swinburne University of Technology respects your privacy in connection with your use of the +Connect and Peer Tree Smartphone Applications (**+Connect app and Peer Tree App**). Some of the information that you provide when using the +Connect and/or Peer Tree App may be **personal information**. This privacy policy (**Privacy Policy**) describes the basis on which any personal information we collect from you, or that you provide to us, in connection with the use of the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App will be collected, used and disclosed. Please read this Privacy Policy carefully and contact us if you do not understand it or have any questions.

COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will only collect personal information that is necessary for, or directly related to, the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App.

Personal Information is information that may be used to identify you and may include your name, email address, information about and related to your usage of the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App, information collected by tracking technologies and device Information.

As a matter of practice, we note that we will not record or retain your Personal Information in connection with data inputting into (or extracted from) the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App. Whilst we will collect data from your responses, we will ensure that you cannot be identified in relation to that data. Throughout this Privacy Policy, this information is referred to as **Input Data** and is not considered to be (and therefore will not be treated as Personal Information).

CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

The security of your personal information is important to us. We follow generally accepted standards to protect the personal information submitted to us.

If we hold Personal Information, we will take such steps as are reasonable in the circumstances to protect the information from:

- misuse, interference and loss; and

- unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

The transmission of information via the Internet is not completely secure. Whilst we will do our best to protect your personal information, we cannot guarantee the security of your information transmitted to the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App and any transmission is at your own risk.

USES OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

We may use your personal information to:

- ensure that content provided by the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App is presented in the most effective manner for you and for your computer or other device;
- communicate with you, including notifying you about changes to the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App; and
- detail of your visits to and interactions with the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App.

The Input Data collected from the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App may be utilized for further research studies pertaining to social connectedness and relationship building. The data used for any follow up projects will also be de-identified.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

We may disclose your Personal Information to any of our subsidiaries, partners or collaborators in the +Connect and/or Peer Tree project.

We may also disclose your Personal Information to third parties as follows:

- where you have made a request that we do so; and
- if we are under a legal obligation to disclose or share your Personal Information.

The Input Data collected from the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App may be utilized for further research studies pertaining to social connectedness and relationship building. As such, the data may be disclosed to third parties involved in those studies.

STORAGE OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

All information you provide to us through the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App is stored on our secure servers located in Sydney Australia.

ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION

If at any time, you wish to access your Personal Information, please contact positiveconnect@swin.edu.au and/or peertree@swin.edu.au. We will respond to all requests within a reasonable time and will provide access to the information unless it is impractical to do so.

CORRECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that any Personal Information we collect is accurate, up-to-date and complete. If we hold Personal Information about you and we are satisfied that, having regard to a purpose for which the information is held, the information is inaccurate, out-of-date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading, or, you request that we to correct the information, we will take all reasonable steps to correct that information to ensure that, having regard to the purpose for which it is held.

LINKS TO THIRD PARTY SITES

The +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App may, from time to time, contain links to and from third party websites, outside of our control. If you follow a link to any of these external websites, please note that they have their own privacy policies and we do not accept any responsibility or liability for these websites or their policies.

USE BY MINORS

You must be 18 years of age to register to use the +Connect App and/or Peer Tree App. Individuals under the age of 18 may only use the +Connect App only with the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY POLICY

We reserve the right to update this Privacy Policy at any time. If material changes are made we will notify you by email.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT

For further information regarding this Privacy Policy please contact Kornel Koffsovitz at kkoffsovitz@swin.edu.au You can also see a full version of Swinburne's privacy policy at <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/privacy/>.

This Privacy Policy is effective and was last updated on 20 February 2020.