

Survey of Wellbeing and Student Engagement

Dear Parent and Caregivers

Students in our school have been invited to take part in a survey being conducted at the beginning of Term 4 of this year. This letter summarises key information about the survey.

The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Young people's sense of wellbeing is an important part of their development and how they learn at school. Across the State, years 6, 7, 8 and 9 students will participate in the *Survey of Wellbeing and Student Engagement*. The information collected from the survey will help inform work in the education system and broader community to help improve young people's health and wellbeing.

The survey asks young people about their 1) Social and Emotional Wellbeing: About you; 2) School Relationships and Engagement: About your relationships and learning in school; and 3) Physical Health and Wellbeing: About your health, lifestyle and after school activities.

Information collected from each student through the survey will be kept confidential by:

- Only analysing students' responses to each question after student names and addresses are removed.
- Only creating reports based on the data for groups of students – no individual person will be able to be identified from a report.
- Only using identifying information to combine the survey data with other educational data for statistical analysis and research.

Teachers will arrange for students to undertake the survey during one or two class lessons. Students will be asked if he or she would like to participate and will be free to withdraw at any time. You may withdraw your child from the survey at any time. ***If you wish to remove your child's name from the participant list please contact your child's class teacher within the next three weeks.***

No schools, classes nor young people will be "ranked" in any way.

Further information can be found at www.decd.sa.gov.au (search: mdi). For questions or concerns, or to view the survey questions, please contact Anna Lewkowicz, Project Manager, via email at DECD.MDI@sa.gov.au or by phone at (08) 8226-0452.

Regards

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