Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey**

Our students have been invited to take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The survey will be open in Weeks 8 to 10 of Term 1 (Monday 21 March to Friday 8 April 2022).

**Purpose of the survey**

Young people’s wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students’ views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate and the information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people’s health and wellbeing.

**What is the survey about?**

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships and engagement and learning in school, physical health and wellbeing, and after school activities.

**How will students complete the survey?**

Teachers will arrange for students to do the survey during class time. They will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time. ***If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.***

**Will students’ information be kept confidential?**

Students’ personal information and identity will remain anonymous. Survey responses are confidential and no one (including school staff) can use the results to identify individual students. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a report of results, to protect the confidentiality of students.

**What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?**

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

* if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey immediately
* it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole, and
* students can skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns they may have will be supported to do so.

**Where can I get more information?**

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) (search: wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au

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