

Supporting School Students' Learning and Wellbeing: Research Project

Your child is invited to take part in a research study which aims to investigate the educational practices that support students' learning and wellbeing in the classroom and in their co-curricular activities.

Your child has been invited because they are a student in middle or high school (~12 to ~18 years) and the school has agreed to pass on this information to you.

1. Who is conducting this research?

The research is being conducted by the following investigators: Scientia Professor Andrew Martin (Chief Investigator) from the School of Education at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Australia and Mr Tom Batty (Co-Investigator) from the International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC). This research is being funded by the IBSC.

2. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to allow your child to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for your child to do so. The research study is looking to involve the following people:

- early to late adolescent students in middle or high school from IBSC member schools in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, and United States.

3. Does your child have to take part in this research study?

Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you do not want your child to take part, they do not have to. There is an opt-out form at the end of this document you can complete and return to the school if you do not want your child to participate in the study.

If you decide your child can take part in the research study, you are asked to:

- Read the information in this document carefully (ask questions if necessary)
- Keep a copy of this document

4. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide your child can take part in the research study, they will be asked to complete an online questionnaire. The questionnaire will ask them about educational practices at the school (e.g., instruction, guidance from teachers, coaches, etc) and also about their learning (e.g., motivation, engagement) and wellbeing (e.g., flourishing, sense of belonging).

The questionnaire should take about 20 minutes to complete.

Your child will not be rewarded or paid for participating.

The researchers do not expect risk of any harm or discomfort to students beyond what would normally be experienced in class or co-curricular activity—because the questions ask students to reflect on their day-to-day experience of classroom, co-curricular, and school life.

If students do experience any discomfort, their teacher will assist, as they would during a normal class.

5. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use the information we get from this research study to benefit future students as they progress through middle and high school and also to help educators better support students in this process. The results will increase understanding of the classroom, co-curricular, and school support that can help students' learning and wellbeing.

6. What will happen to information about my child?

Your child will also receive a Participant Information Statement and Consent Form (like this one) which they will read before deciding whether to participate in the study. By clicking the 'I agree to participate' button in the online questionnaire they are providing their permission for the research team to collect and use information about them for the research study. Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of their consent. This consent allows the research team to use the information collected from them that will be specific to the aims of this research.

The research team will store the data collected from students for this research project for:

- A minimum of 5 years after the publication of the research results.

The information about students will be stored in:

- Non-identifiable format where their identity will be unknown. This means that information such as your child's name or student number/ID will not be recorded. No one will know the responses are from your child.

7. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intends to publish and present the results of the research in academic journals/books, conference (and similar) presentations, general readership outlets (e.g., teacher magazines, newsletters), IBSC-related reports/outlets, and in media as appropriate.

All information will be published in a way that will not identify your child. This means that the research team will keep everyone's information private by only reporting the combined results. In the study results, no one will be able to know specific details about your child (e.g., which school they come from).

When the research is complete, the research team will provide your child's school with a report on the overall results of the study and the summary results for the school. The researchers will not provide specific information about your child to the school. The school may pass on the summary results to you and others in the school in a manner appropriate to the school's communication channels.

8. What if I want to opt my child out of the research study?

There is an opt-out form at the end of this document that you can complete and return to the school if you do not want your child to participate in the study. Thus, your consent for your child to participate is presumed unless you opt them out of the study. However, because the questionnaire is anonymous and does not ask for your child's identifying information, if you do not opt out and your child submits answers to the questions, it is not possible to locate and remove their responses. Your decision to opt your child out of the study will not affect your (or their) relationship with UNSW, IBSC, or school.

The information provided by your child is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW, Australia). You and your child have the right of access to personal information held about them by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

9. What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:



Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	iRECS5824

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if there are any problems which may be related to your child's involvement in the study, you can contact the School Liaison at your school or a member of the research team.

School Liaison Contact

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Form for Opting Your Child Out of Participation

I wish to **OPT-OUT** my child's participation in this research study described above and understand that this **WILL NOT** affect mine or my child's relationship with UNSW, IBSC, or the school.

Name of Student	
Name of Parent/Guardian	
Date	

This should be forwarded to the School Liaison:

School	Scotch College (Aus)
School Liaison	Katrina Brennan (Vice Principal Head of Senior School)
Email	Katrina.Brennan@scotch.vic.edu.au