

Dear Parents/Carers

You may remember that our school is one of 80 public schools, education support settings, and residential colleges from the metropolitan area and the regions participating in the DETECT Schools Study: Understanding the impact of COVID-19 in Western Australian Schools survey.

On Tuesday, 20 October 2020, students in Years 7-12 will be asked to complete the final survey of the study.

Children will be asked to answer questions about

- Their age, gender, languages spoken at home
- How COVID-19 has affected them at school, at home and with their relationships
- Their feelings about their wellbeing

Students who have parental consent to complete the survey (e.g. their parent did not complete an 'opt out form') will be asked to provide consent e.g. if they would like to fill out the survey or not.

Most children who have participated in similar research have enjoyed the experience and like to feel heard and valued in their opinions. However, some children may feel that some of the questions we ask are stressful or upsetting. If a child does not wish to answer a question, they may skip it and go to the next question, or they may stop immediately.

We have notified our school's psychologist, nurse, chaplain and AIEO, as applicable, and they are available if any student appears upset or stressed as a result of completing the survey. All students will be given information about the Kids Helpline and Youth Beyond Blue.

If your child is showing any signs of distress after completing this survey, please contact me.

Sincerely



Rob Lawson

Principal

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