

## 2017 Student School Satisfaction and Climate Survey

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to request the participation of your child/ren in an important survey to be conducted online during class time in August.

### 1. Satisfaction

This part of the survey is about the level of satisfaction students in years 5 to 12 have with some key aspects of our school. The results will contribute to our school improvement processes and will help us to understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. Student responses will be anonymous and will be combined with those of other students to give us a picture of how satisfied students are with our school. It will take about 5 minutes to complete.

### 2. School Climate

This part of the survey is about the social environment at this school and covers relationships with other students and teachers, connection to the school (school identification), and engagement in learning. The participation of all students in years 5 to 12 will be extremely useful and valuable in finding out what we do well and where we can improve. It will take about 20 minutes to complete.

The Australian National University developed this part of the survey in partnership with the Education Directorate and they will be involved in data analysis and reporting of the findings. The information from the survey will be used by researchers to learn more about how schools function, and may be communicated to others in summary form as part of policy discussions, talks, reports, and books. To enable linkage with administrative and performance data and to link individual responses over time, student identification numbers will be collected with survey responses. Linking data in this way will enable researchers to assess the relationship between improvements in school climate and educational outcomes and enable a more informative understanding of patterns over time.

For all reporting purposes, student responses will be combined with those of other students to give us a broad picture of student opinions at our school and across all public schools in ACT. No schools will have access to individual student responses and all reporting of the survey findings will be deidentified. The Australian National University, the Education Directorate and school staff will handle all personal information in accordance with the Territory Privacy Principles set out in the Information Privacy Act 2014. Details about how personal information is stored and used are available in our Privacy Policy (available at <http://education.act.gov.au>).

If having read the information above you **do not want** your child/ren to participate in this voluntary survey please email [simon.barker@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:simon.barker@ed.act.edu.au) or contact the front office by the **3 August 2017** so that we can exclude them from the survey.

Yours sincerely,

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