



School and Learning Consultation Frequently Asked Questions

What is this project?

The School and Learning Consultation is the first stage of a project that aims to promote the wellbeing of children and young people by examining the factors that affect their engagement with education.

The consultation was held in Terms 3 and 4 2016 and involved Year 3 to Year 12 students from 98 government, Catholic and non-government schools across WA.

Who is undertaking this project?

The Commissioner for Children and Young People WA, Colin Pettit. He has a statutory responsibility to promote and monitor the wellbeing of children and young people under the age of 18 years in WA.

Why consult with children and young people?

The Commissioner believes that providing children and young people with opportunities to have their views and ideas heard on matters that affect them is vitally important to establish policies, laws, services and infrastructure that strengthen their wellbeing.

How were students selected?

To establish a reliable set of data from the consultation, participating schools were selected by randomised sampling. Participation by students was entirely voluntary.

What did the consultation involve?

Participating students completed an anonymous electronic survey, and also had the option of participating in a group discussion.

What happens to the information collected from students?

Findings from the consultations will be presented in a report/s that highlights the views of children and young people on school and learning.

Reporting of the information will be in broad terms; metropolitan/non-metropolitan; Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal, Year 3 to Year 6/Year 7 to Year 12.

There will be no reporting of information according to school or even education sector. Individual students, schools or other personnel will not be identified in the reporting or stored data.

This report will be provided to all schools and organisations that have participated.

An update on the consultation will be provided to participating students (via their school) in Term 4 2016.

More information about this project and other work of the Commissioner can be found at [the Commissioner's website](#).