



# Speaking Out Survey

## Information for parents/carers (Years 7 to 12)

Jacqueline McGowan-Jones is the Commissioner for Children and Young People. The Commissioner works to make life better for all kids and young people in WA.

The Commissioner wants to ask WA school kids in Years 7 to 12 to answer questions in a survey.

You or your kid can choose if he/she will take part in the survey. You can say yes or no. The survey won't affect your kid's grades, their relationship with teachers or the school.

If you both agree, your kid will join the survey when the Commissioner visits their school.

If your kid doesn't want to do the survey, that's okay. He/she will do a different activity instead. You will need to fill in and sign the 'non consent' form (on the next page) and give it to your kid's school.



If you both agree your kid will join the survey when the people that work for the Commissioner visit their school.

School kids will answer questions on an iPad. This will take about 30 to 45 minutes.

The survey asks about his/her health, safety, family, friendships, school, and activities. The survey also covers sensitive topics like weight, emotions, bullying, sexual health, and substance (alcohol/drugs) use. The survey will ask older students (Year 9 and up) if they have got any sexual material they did not want (like nude photos), if they have been beaten up or hurt, and also if they or their friends have used drugs, like marijuana.

Your kid does not have to answer any questions he/she doesn't want to. The survey won't ask his/her name or any personal information.

Teachers will watch over the kids while they do the survey but won't read what they write. People that work for the Commissioner can help kids fill out the survey. Kids don't have to answer every question if they don't want to. Everyone helping the kids will have a Working with Children Check.

Some of the questions may make the kids feel upset. If this happens, the kids can stop the survey and talk to someone they trust, like a parent or a teacher. Kids will receive a card with information about help services like Kids Helpline or Beyond Blue.

The Commissioner will use the information in publications about children and young people that go to the government to help make life better for children and young people.

The information about the health of children and young people may be used in yearly reports, e-mail newsletters and websites.

People that work for the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA can help answer any questions you have about the survey.

You can ring them on (08) 6213 2204, email [research@ccyp.wa.gov.au](mailto:research@ccyp.wa.gov.au) or look up [ccyp.wa.gov.au](http://ccyp.wa.gov.au).

# Non-consent form for parents/carers

## Speaking Out Survey

I understand that the survey is about.

I understand that my child doesn't have to do the survey.

I have talked about this survey with my kid.

I say that it not OK for my kid to answer questions in this survey.

Write the full name of the kid:

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If you are the parent or if you look after the kid, write your full name:

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Sign your name:

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Write today's date:

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**After you have filled this form, give it back to your kid's school.**