

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION YOUTH PARTICIPATION PROJECT (SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM)**Participant Information Statement: Parent/Guardian**

The Centre for Sport and Social Impact (CSSI) at La Trobe University is currently working with the Australian Sports Commission and a selection of National Sporting Organisations researching the effectiveness of youth focused sport programs in the secondary school environment.

Background

The rate of sport participation declines as youth age through secondary school. To address this trend, the Australian Sports Commission has funded a Sporting Schools Program to support schools and National Sport Organisations to develop and implement sport based products designed to target and engage secondary school students. The aim of this research is to better understand what works in the Australian education context and to better represent the actions that can be taken by sport and key partners in the education sector and the wider community.

You are receiving this email because you are the parent/guardian of a child whose school has been involved in this program.

Your child's involvement

During the next 12 months, sport programs will be delivered at the secondary school your child attends. To obtain student feedback on these programs, surveys will be administered to your child each term. These surveys will include questions about: the key influences on their sport participation; the barriers they may experience to sport participation; and their perception (if involved) of the sport programs delivered at their school.

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in these surveys, you can contact your school or CSSI researchers by telephone or email and OPT OUT on behalf of your child or alternatively complete the form below and return to the school.

Participation is entirely voluntary, and should not inconvenience you or your child. Your child will have the option to consent (by completing a survey or attending a focus group) or not to participate (by not completing the survey or not attending a focus group) when the invitation is presented to them.

Eligibility and risk

Your child must be attending a school involved with the Australia Sports Commission Youth Participation Project (Sporting Schools Program) to participate. There are no disadvantages, penalties or adverse consequences for not participating in the research or for withdrawing from the research. There are no known risks associated with this research project and you are not expected to be subject to any risk, harm or discomfort by participating in this research.

Data management and privacy

The responses given in the survey and focus groups will be confidential. Confidentiality will be achieved by giving each survey response or focus group a numerical code and by storing the raw data collected electronically on a secure hard drive. This data will only be shared between those directly involved with the research. No identity will not be shared with any third party as we value your privacy. As per university guidelines, LTUs raw data will be kept for a minimum of five years after the completion of the research, and will then be destroyed.

The Australian Sports Commission will be provided with a copy of all de-identified raw data which will be permanently stored on their secure website. This data may be made available on request to approved external parties conducting relevant research projects.

The survey is being conducted using Survey Gizmo software which is based in the United States of America. Information provided in this survey will be transferred to Survey Gizmo's server in the United States of America. By giving consent for your child to complete a survey, you consent and agree to this transfer.

Reporting of results

The results will be utilised in completing a report for the Australian Sports Commission and in the presentation at conferences and publication in academic journals. These may be made available to you through the Australian Sports Commission or possibly through your school.

Withdraw your consent: Survey

You and/or your child has the right to withdraw from active participation in this project at any time. This can be done by your child closing your browser before you submit the survey online. If you wish to withdraw the results after your child has submitted the survey, you can demand that data arising from your child's participation are not used in the research project provided that this right is exercised within four weeks of the completion of their participation. You are asked to complete the "Withdrawal of Consent Form" or to notify the researcher by email or telephone that you wish to withdraw your consent for your data to be used in this research project.

Further information

Any questions regarding this research may be directed to:

Dr Erica Randle (Centre for Sport and Social Impact)

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If you have any complaints or concerns about your participation in the study that the researcher has not been able to answer to your satisfaction, you may contact the Senior Human Ethics Officer, Ethics and Integrity, Research Office, La Trobe University, Victoria, 3086 (P: 03 9479 1443, E: humanethics@latrobe.edu.au) . Please quote the application reference number __E16/44_.

Thank you for your participation

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OPT OUT FORM

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (student's name)(if more than one student at the school please list all names).

I DO NOT consent for my child/children to participate in surveys as part of the above named project.

Thank you,

Name:

Signature:

Date: