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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey

Our students have been invited to take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The survey will be open in Weeks 8 to 10 of Term 1 (Monday 21 March to Friday 8 April 2022).

Purpose of the survey

Young people's wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate and the information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships and engagement and learning in school, physical health and wellbeing, and after school activities.

How will students complete the survey?

Teachers will arrange for students to do the survey during class time. They will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time. *If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.*

Will students' information be kept confidential?

Students' personal information and identity will remain anonymous. Survey responses are confidential and no one (including school staff) can use the results to identify individual students. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a report of results, to protect the confidentiality of students.

What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey immediately
- it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole, and
- students can skip individual survey questions if they wish.
- Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns they may have will be supported to do so.

Where can I get more information?

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at <u>www.education.sa.gov.au</u> (search: wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email <u>Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au</u>

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