



## 2020 *Tell Them From Me* student survey: Information and consent form for parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted that next term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a NSW Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

**Information about this survey was sent home via the Skoolbag app.** The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. It is completed online and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys. The survey will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete and will be administered during school hours between 12 October and 16 October. **Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.** Your child will not take part if either you or they do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the NSW Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by **Friday, 18 September 2020**.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

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**Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by **Friday, 18 September 2020**.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the **Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**.

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Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carers .....

Signature of parent/carers .....

Date .....