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Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child is invited to take part in a survey being conducted in our school this year. This letter summarises key information about the survey and more information can be found at [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au) (search:mdi) or can be collected from the school.

### **Purpose of the survey**

Children's sense of wellbeing is an important part of their development and how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Across the State, years 6, 7, 8 and 9 students will participate in the *Survey of Wellbeing and Student Engagement*. The information collected from the survey will help inform work in the education system and broader community to help improve young people's health and wellbeing.

### **What is the survey about?**

The survey asks young people about their 1) Social and Emotional Wellbeing, 2) School Relationships and Engagement, and 3) Physical Health and Wellbeing: About health, lifestyle and after school activities. Students' answers to the survey will be kept confidential – no one will use the results to identify individual students.

### **What is involved in project participation?**

Your child's teacher will arrange for students to undertake the MDI survey during one or two class lessons. Your child will be asked if he or she would like to participate and is free to withdraw at any time. You may withdraw your child from the survey at any time. Choosing not to participate or withdraw will not affect your child's education in any way.

***If you wish to remove your child's name from the participant list please contact Jenny Crisp in the front office within two weeks of receiving this letter.***

### **How will young people's information be kept confidential?**

The information that is collected from each student through the survey will be kept confidential. Confidentiality will be maintained by ensuring that:

- Information that could identify individuals, such as names and addresses, will be held separately from the responses to the MDI survey.
- The identifying information will only be used to combine the MDI data with other educational data for statistical analysis and research.
- Students' responses to each question will be analysed only after student names and addresses are removed.

### **Will schools, classes or young people be "ranked" in any way?**

No. The findings will not be used to rank or determine the performance of schools.

Sincerely,



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