

BELONGING AT SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Malo e Lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Kia orana, Namaste, Nihao, Salaam Alaikum.

My name is Emma MacRae. This research project is part of my study at Massey University. My supervisor for the research is Professor John O'Neill and his email address is J.G.ONeill@massey.ac.nz.

This information sheet is an invitation for you to talk with me about some of your learning. It explains who I am, and why I am interested in finding out about what education is like for you, and what to do if you would like to talk with me.

I have also made a private YouTube video that you can have a look at. In the video I introduce myself and talk more about what is in this information sheet. The link for the YouTube channel is <https://youtu.be/v7AwiOqt7Bs>

Project Description and Invitation

I am interested in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child (UNCROC) and what it means for your learning at school. UNCROC sets out the rights of all children. A right is something you should get in your life without having to ask for it.

In my study, I am particularly interested in UNCROC Article 28. This Article states that all children have the same right to access free education regardless of how easy or difficult they might find some things at school. The aim of this research is to help improve school education for all children by better understanding what belonging and learning at school means to you.

Invitation to participate

I would like to talk with you to find out about your experience of this right in your schooling. So, I am inviting you to take part in my study. I am inviting you because I would be interested in hearing your views on how you find being at school and what you think could make it better. I am inviting up to 10 children and young people in total from Y9 and Y10 to take part in my study.

If you agree to talk with me, this will involve only one interview (no more than 1 hour). We will talk about **the questions in the enclosed sheet** and anything else that you think is important for me to know.

The YouTube video shows some of the different ways you can answer my questions if you prefer. There are no right or wrong answers for these questions, I am just interested in hearing what you think.

If you choose to, please bring along a picture or drawing you have made to the interview showing me what being at school is like for you and we can talk about it too.

Your interview will be recorded so that I can listen several times to ensure I understand what you think about school. I may also use some of your words from the interview in my report.

Only me and my supervisor will see your interview transcript. It will be stored securely on a computer. The recording will be deleted.

Your rights

You do not have to say yes. It is your choice if you wish to take part, but first you need to talk with your parent or caregiver about this information sheet.

If you decide to participate, you have the right to:

- not answer any question if you do not want to;
- withdraw from the study at any time;
- ask any questions about the study at any time;
- have your parent or caregiver at the interview;
- know that your first name will not be used unless you give me permission;
- you have the option of choosing to use a pseudonym name rather than your own name for the research data. See consent form if you would like to fill in this option.
- be given a summary of the study findings when it is finished.
- *ask for the recorder to be turned off at any time during the interview.*

If you decide you want to take part and talk with me in an interview, you and your parent both need to sign the Consent Form and return it to me.

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Please contact me or my supervisor if you have any questions about the project.

"This project has been evaluated by peer review and judged to be low risk. Consequently, it has not been reviewed by one of the University's Human Ethics Committees. The researcher(s) named above are responsible for the ethical conduct of this research.

If you have any concerns about the conduct of this research that you wish to raise with someone other than the researcher(s), please contact Prof Craig Johnson, Director, Research Ethics, telephone 06 356 9099 x 85271, email humanethics@massey.ac.nz".