



## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR QUT RESEARCH PROJECT**

### **Middle Years Learner Participant Assent**

## **Autism CRC Middle Years Behaviour Support Project**

**QUT Ethics Approval Number 180000949**

### **RESEARCH TEAM**

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### **DESCRIPTION**

This project is being done as part of a university study.

This project is looking at how students feel about school and what they think would help make school more enjoyable.

The team is looking for students aged 9-16 years to help out.

### **PARTICIPATION**

Your support is voluntary. This means it is YOUR choice whether you take part in this study. You can choose to stop participating at any time and nothing bad will happen. No one will be upset, including your parents or your teachers.

You will be asked to fill in some questionnaires, as well as have a chat with one of our friendly researchers. All up this will take you no more than 45 minutes. Questions will be about what you think of your school and how you feel there.

Your parents and teachers (if you are currently attending school) will also be asked to fill in a short questionnaire about how you are going at school and talk to one of our researchers.

### **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

This project hopes to learn more about how to help you and other students enjoy school more.

We also hope to learn more about how schools can make themselves friendlier places.

## **RISKS**

Being a part of this project should not be upsetting in any way but it just may be a bit inconvenient (e.g. take a little time to do). You can leave the project at any time if you change your mind about being involved.

Anyone who feels upset because of participating in this project can have a private chat about this with someone at Lifeline on **13 11 14** or the Kids Helpline on **1800 55 1800**. Support is also available from other counselling service providers listed on the Helpful Contacts card attached to this information sheet.

## **PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

All your answers on the questionnaire AND everything you say in the talk with the researcher will be private.

We won't tell your parents or school what you have to say, unless your answers make us worried you might hurt yourself or someone else, or that someone else might hurt you.

The researcher will take steps to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you. We may need to inform appropriate people or services.

We will record the talk you have with the researcher, but only to help remember what you say because it is hard to take notes that fast!

## **CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE**

You provide consent to participate in this research project when you complete and submit the online survey. If you agree to be involved in other parts of this project we would like you to write your name on the attached form.

## **QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT**

You can ask the researcher, your parents, or your classroom teacher/guidance officer if you have any questions.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS PROJECT. THIS SHEET IS FOR YOU TO KEEP.**