



Participate in an Autism CRC research study looking into Middle Years Behaviour Support

Dear Steiner School Parent,

My name is Beth Siggers, I am an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and a researcher with the national Autism Cooperative Research Centre (CRC). For more information about the Autism CRC visit www.autismcrc.com.au.

I am leading a team of researchers from the Autism CRC who are investigating effective ways of supporting middle years learners (aged 9-16 years) on the autism spectrum (ASD) in rural, remote, Indigenous and alternate settings (including distance education and home education). A focus of Cycle 1 of the project is to capture data from parents of middle years learners attending a Steiner school to address the following:

- 1) Why parents whose children have a diagnosis of autism, or suspected diagnosis of autism, in the middle years of schooling decide to choose a Steiner school education for their children?
- 2) What additional support and resources do parents of middle years learners attending a Steiner school perceive is required for education success and how does this influence support in more mainstream inclusive settings?

The data collected in this cycle of the project will help inform more inclusive and supportive approaches to students on the autism spectrum more broadly. It will also inform professional support provided to educational settings through a tele-classroom consultation (TCC) approach in Cycle 2 of the project.

You are invited to participate in this project because you are a:

- Caregiver of a middle years' learner (9-16 years) on the autism spectrum attending a Steiner school

Your participation in Cycle 1 of the project will involve completion of an online survey and indicating your interest in completing a possible follow up interview. To allow you to log in and complete the survey over multiple sessions, you will be required to create a profile. This profile will not be linked to your survey responses and we will not be able to use it to identify you.

The link to the survey is: <https://survey.qut.edu.au/f/193455/35a1/>

If you need further details on the study and on how to participate, please read the attached recruitment flyer.

Should you have any further questions, please contact me via email mybsp-research@qut.edu.au or phone 07 3138 9615.

Please note that this study has been approved by the QUT Human Research Ethics Committee (approval number 1800000949).

Many thanks for your consideration of this request.



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