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Student Wellbeing Survey - Information for Parents

Your child has been invited to take part in a survey about student wellbeing and mental health. The survey will be completed online during school hours between 4/8/2025 and 22/8/2025. The survey contains between 23-55 questions (depending on the age of your child) and will take 10- 15 minutes to complete. The level of support provided to your child whilst completing the survey will vary depending on their age and support needs. All responses will be anonymous and confidential.

What is the survey about?

This annual survey is being issued to all students in the Diocese of Cairns by the Engagement Wellbeing and Learning directorate of Catholic Education Services. The survey aims to gather student opinions about aspects of the school that relate to supporting student wellbeing and mental health.

What is the purpose of the survey?

The survey will provide schools with student opinions on what the school is doing well and what they can improve to better promote and support student wellbeing and mental health. Long term this survey may be used to track student wellbeing and mental health over a period of time.

What personal information will be collected and who will it be disclosed to?

Your child's school email account will be used so that they can access the survey and information regarding your child's school, age, gender and ethnic background will be collected. Your child's email address will not be linked to their responses so all responses will be completely anonymous and confidential.

Your child's school will receive de-identified individual student, grade and school group data based on the survey responses of all students at that school. De-identified survey data will also be used by the senior leaders in Catholic Education Services Cairns to compare survey responses across all the schools in the Diocese of Cairns.

How is my child's privacy protected?

All responses are completely anonymous and it will not be possible to identify your child from their answers. As per Catholic Education Services Cairns Privacy Policy, your child's personal information will be managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* and the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*.

What choice do you and your child have?

Completing this anonymous survey is entirely you and your child's choice. Your child can choose not to answer some or all the items. You or your child will not be disadvantaged if you choose not to participate. It is hoped that all students will participate in the survey to help improve their school community.

What do I need to do to participate?

Please discuss the above information with your child and be sure that they understand what the survey is about. If there is anything you do not understand or if you do not want for your child to participate in the survey, please talk to one of your child's teachers.

Thank you for your support.