

Education Engagement and Consultation Project

Information for youth participants (ages 13 to 17)

It is ok to say no

What is this project about?

We are hoping to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people about their experiences in school or other education.

We want to know if you would find it helpful to have a consultative body on education and training matters. This would be a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who would provide guidance and recommendations on specific matters related to education and training.

We would like to share what you tell us with the Department of Education and the Department of Training. What you share with us can help to improve education and training matters for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

What will I have to do?

The Queensland Family and Child Commission or its partners are running interviews for about 1 hour. You may be interviewed individually or with one or two other participants that are either similar in age to you or with your parent/ caregiver or guardian. It's up to you.

For some places, we might also hold bigger group discussions and workshops.

This will be your chance to give us your views and opinions.

Will people know what I said?

We will be taking notes during the interviews but what you share with us will be kept confidential.

What if I get upset or worried?

You may find that discussing some of your experiences are upsetting or distressing. A staff member from your local service will also be helping with the interviews. You can also you can bring along your parent/ caregiver or guardian.



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You can request to take a break at any time and if you no longer wish to participate in the interview, you can let us know. It is ok to say no.

We will provide you with some helpful contact information at the end of this information sheet if you feel that you require additional support after the interviews.

What do I need to do now?

Please discuss with your parent, caregiver or guardian if you wish to participate in this work.

Please return the completed consent form to us on the day of interview.

Helpful contact information

If you feel anxious or upset afterwards, please talk to your parent, caregiver or guardian or another adult support person who cares about you. We have also provided some helpful contact information below:

| Support services | |
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| 13 Yarn 13 92 76 https://www.13yarn.org.au/ | 13YARN is a crisis support line for mob feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. They offer confidential yarning with a Lifeline-trained Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. |
| Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 https://www.beyondblue.org.au/ | Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live. Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by phone, online chat, email and community forums. |
| Lifeline 13 11 14 https://www.lifeline.org.au/ | Lifeline provides all Australians experiencing emotional distress with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services. |
| Headspace 1800 650 890 https://headspace.org.au/ | Headspace supports young people with mental health, physical health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drug services, as well as work and study support. |