

# Education Engagement and Consultation Project

## Information for Parents/Caregiver/Guardian

### It is ok to say no

#### What is this project about?

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

We want to know if you and/or your child would find it helpful to have a consultative body on education and training matters. This would be a Queensland advisory group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who would provide guidance and recommendations on specific matters related to education and training.

What you and/or your child share with us will be shared with the Department of Education and the Department of Training. What you and/or your child share with us can help to improve education and training matters for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

#### What will my child have to do?

The Queensland Family and Child Commission will partner with a local organisation that are you connected with. Interviews will last for about 1 hour. You and/or your child may be interviewed individually or in a group. You can tell us what you would prefer.

#### Will people know what my child said?

We will be taking notes during the interviews. Any information provided to us will be de-identified to protect the confidentiality of you and/or your child.

#### What if my child gets upset or worried?

You and/or your child may find that discussing some personal experiences will be upsetting or distressing.

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

We will provide you and/or your child with some helpful contact information if you or they feel that they require additional support after the interviews. This will be on the back of this information sheet.



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## What do we need to do now?

Please find the consent form if you wish to participate. If you consent to your child being part of this research, please sign the listed section in consent form and bring this along to the interview.

## Who can I contact for more information?

If you would like to speak to someone about this research project or discuss any concerns, please contact researcher, Eliza Miller at [FNeducation@qfcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:FNeducation@qfcc.qld.gov.au).

## 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	
13 Yarn 13 92 76 <a href="https://www.13yarn.org.au/">https://www.13yarn.org.au/</a>	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 <a href="https://www.beyondblue.org.au/">https://www.beyondblue.org.au/</a>	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 <a href="https://www.lifeline.org.au/">https://www.lifeline.org.au/</a>	Lifeline provides all Australians experiencing emotional distress with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.
Headspace 1800 650 890 <a href="https://headspace.org.au/">https://headspace.org.au/</a>	Headspace supports young people with mental health, physical health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drug services, as well as work and study support.