



Dear parents/carers

You may remember that our school is one of 80 public schools, education support settings, and residential colleges from the metropolitan area and the regions participating in the **DETECT Schools Study: Understanding the impact of COVID-19 in Western Australian Schools**.

Over the next two weeks, our students in Years 7-12 will be asked to complete the second of two brief 15-minute surveys. The second survey will be completed in **2021**.

At that time, the children will again be asked to answer questions about:

- Their age, gender, languages spoken at home
- How COVID-19 has affected them at school, at home and with their relationships
- Their feelings about their wellbeing
- Whether they participated in the COVID-19 test (nose and throat swabs) for this study and if so, how they felt about it

Students who have parental consent to complete the survey (e.g. their parent did not complete an 'opt out form') will be asked to provide consent e.g. if they would like to fill out the survey or not.

Most children who have participated in similar research have enjoyed the experience and like to feel heard and valued in their opinions. However, some children may feel that some of the questions we ask are stressful or upsetting. If a child does not wish to answer a question, they may skip it and go to the next question, or they may stop immediately.

We have notified our school's psychologist, nurse, chaplain and AIEO, as applicable, and they are available if any student appears upset or stressed as a result of completing the survey. All students will be given information about the Kids Helpline and Youth Beyond Blue.

If your child is showing any signs of distress after completing this survey, please contact one of the members of the Student Services team (9354 0600).

Kind regards

Geri Hardy

## DETECT Schools Study Student Support Information

Please remember **Kids Helpline** a free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. You can find them at <https://www.kidshelpline.com.au/> or Google "Kids Helpline". You can call them, chat online or email.

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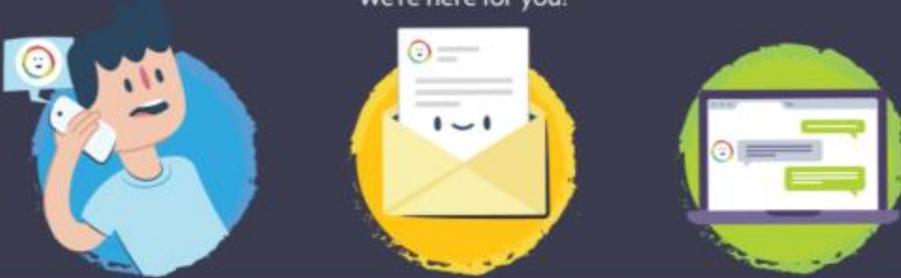


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Youth Beyond Blue aims to empower young people aged 12–25, their friends and those who care for them to respond to anxiety and depression. You can find them at <https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/> or Google “Youth Beyond Blue”. You can call them on 1300 22 4636 (24 hours) or chat online