

Before your first interview it's important you're aware of all the facts about your participation. We want to make sure you're fully informed before you consent to take part. If you're unsure about any of this information please discuss it with your parents or contact us.

#### About the survey

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You'll be surveyed once a year for the next 10 years – it usually takes around 20 minutes.
- Your personal details will always remain private.
- You can withdraw from the survey or stop an interview at any time.
- You don't have to answer any question you don't want to.
- While your feedback will help the Australian Government and others, you yourself may not directly benefit from participating.
- The survey is reviewed by the Australian Institute of Family Studies Human Research Ethics Committee to make sure it is appropriate.

#### What happens to my answers?

- Anything you say is confidential unless we are required by law to tell someone. For example where for your safety we are required to tell the authorities, or if we are ordered by the courts.
- Your answers will be combined with those of other people, analysed and will appear in reports provided free of charge at: [www.lsay.edu.au](http://www.lsay.edu.au).
- Personal information, or information that could identify you, will not be released.
- Your identity is protected - your name and contact details are not stored with your answers. Only people who need to see the data for their work are allowed access.
- Data is ultimately stored with the highly secure Australian Data Archive: [www.ada.edu.au](http://www.ada.edu.au). Your answers will be stored indefinitely.
- To get the most value from your answers, at the end of your survey you may be asked to link your data with other education datasets. For more information on these datasets and LSAY data linkage visit [www.lsay.edu.au/datalinkage](http://www.lsay.edu.au/datalinkage). You can still take part in the survey even if you don't want your data linked.

#### Further information

To raise a concern about the survey, or the conduct of anyone associated with the survey:

Mr Tasman Swanton, Senior Research Officer, National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)

T: 08 8230 8400

E: [lsay@ncver.edu.au](mailto:lsay@ncver.edu.au)

To speak with an independent person to discuss a complaint, concerns regarding conduct of the project, research involving human participants, or your rights as a participant please contact:

**Secretariat, Australian Institute of Family Studies Ethics Committee**

T: 03 9214 7888

E: [ethics-secretariat@aifs.gov.au](mailto:ethics-secretariat@aifs.gov.au) (quote approval number 16-02)

While we do not ask for any information that is likely to be considered overly sensitive, in the unlikely event that your involvement causes distress, please contact:

#### Lifeline

T: 13 11 14

W: [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

#### Kids Helpline

T: 1800 551 800

W: [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

#### Headspace

T: 1800 650 890

W: [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)