



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

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7th November 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

Our aim is to enhance students' resilience, optimism, confidence, and social and emotional skills. In order to build school student and teacher capacity to undertake a school wide approach we have decided to engage in the Department 'Building Resilience in School Communities' (BRSC) project and participate in the *Resilience Survey*.

Children and young people with higher resilience are more likely to thrive in learning and achieve greater educational outcomes.

To this end all our students have been invited to complete the online *Resilience Survey*, conducted by Resilient Youth Australia Limited.

This *Resilience Survey* collects the self-reported strengths of our students, as well as exploring wellbeing and the levels of hopefulness in our students. The online survey is completely anonymous and no student is identified. The data is collected and analysed by Resilient Youth Australia and reported back to the Principal.

Resilient Youth Australia (RYA) may collaborate with experts in the area of youth resilience and wellbeing to assist with future research. The aggregated information may be shared by Resilient Youth Australia with formal RYA research partners. The researchers may be clinicians or academics from universities. Any information shared with these researchers will contain no identifiable information. No fee will attach to any data shared. RYA will manage all research related activities

Our school will use this data to help identify the strengths of our students, and enable us to ensure we are supporting our students in an effective and meaningful way.

This online survey will be undertaken in Term 4, 2016, during class time. It is anticipated that this survey will usually take approximately 40 minutes for each student to complete.

Students will be supported through the survey process through teachers and specialist support staff where required. Some questions may contain sensitive or personal information, although questions are structured differently for Primary and Secondary surveys. Should the need arise, the principal will ensure that all necessary support staff are available in the unlikely event that it is needed.

For secondary school students it is anticipated that this survey will take approximately 40 minutes or less for each student to complete.

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For primary school students it is anticipated that this survey will take between 45 and 60 minutes, but a maximum of 90 minutes will be allocated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in the *Resilience Survey*, you may wish to contact Will Pleydon or Gary Hodge on 0260579000. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the Resilience Survey, please also indicate this below by Friday 11th November.

I _____, **do not** give consent for my child to participate in the resilience survey.

Please indicate your relationship to the child: _____

Signature

Date

Yours Sincerely,



Maree Cribbes
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