

Review and Update of the National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF)

Information Letter

Dear Participant,

We have been commissioned by Education Services Australia, on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Education and Training, to review and update the National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF). The NSSF provides Australian schools with a vision and a set of guiding principles that assist school communities to develop positive and practical student safety and wellbeing policies. As part of this research project, we will be conducting a full review of the NSSF, examining current awareness and use of the framework, its effectiveness in addressing issues of safety and wellbeing, and its relevancy in light of contemporary concerns. Furthermore, we will be asking participants to provide their recommendations for how the NSSF can be updated to ensure that it will remain effective and relevant.

To make sure that all members of the school community have a voice in this process, we will be seeking views from a wide range of key stakeholders, including educators and school staff, parents and carers, and representatives from a variety of educational, governmental, NGO/not for profit, allied services and parent/carer organisations.

We would like to ask if you will be willing to participate in this research by completing an online survey. The survey, which takes around 15 minutes to complete, will be administered through an online, password protected platform, and will ask you about your awareness, use and opinions of the NSSF, and what changes or recommendations you would like to see incorporated in an updated version.

Your participation is entirely voluntary and you may withdraw yourself from the study at any time, with no consequence. Any information collected from you before you withdraw from the study will be included in the study analysis and reporting.

All data you provide will be treated as confidential and only viewed by the UniSA researchers and securely stored on Education Services Australia premises on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. While the information gained during this research will be published in a report by Education Services Australia and the Australian Government Department of Education and Training, participants and sites will not be identified. The data from this research project will NOT be retained for further research purposes. All records containing personal information will remain confidential and no information which could lead to identification of any individual will be released unless required by law.

If you are willing to be involved in this research, please click on the survey link below. Completion of the survey indicates that you have provided your informed consent to participate in this study.

SURVEY LINK:

https://unisaed.au1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4Z55iwDbRqKKUfj

If you require further information about this research, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the research team, who will be happy to answer any of your questions.

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This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee, and by the Head of the School of Education, Professor Stephen Dobson. If you have any ethical concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant please contact Vicki Allen, the Executive Officer for the Committee, by phone: 8302 3118; or by email: Vicki.Allen@unisa.edu.au

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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