

INFORMATION SHEET: Intercultural understanding and international mindedness survey

Purpose of the survey trial

The [International Education Strategy 2019-2029](#) outlines the following vision and goals:

Vision: A world-class public education system that empowers children and young people to study, live and work as global citizens.

Goal 1: Intercultural understanding and international mindedness are part of every child and young person's learning.

Goal 2: High quality and sustainable international student programs.

Goal 3: International relationships support our students, staff and system to engage globally.

The strategy also commits to the department investing in ways to measure the development of intercultural understanding and international mindedness for children and young people. A pre-trial of the above survey represents an opportunity for the department to refine the questions and construct of the survey prior to formal trialing in selected schools in August 2020, and for Australian Science and Mathematics School (ASMS) to understand the degree to which students already understand and demonstrate intercultural understanding and international mindedness.

What is in the survey?

The survey has been designed to take around 45 minutes. The questions ask students about their cultural and linguistic experiences up until this point in time, with some questions asking for additional short, reflective responses to those experiences. Further questions ask students about their study of issues and participation in activities concerning international mindedness and global citizenship.

What is involved in project participation?

Students will be provided with a survey link and then asked to undertake the survey in lesson time. I am a registered teacher and will be present to discuss the survey with students. Completion of the survey is voluntary, and students will be free to withdraw at any time.

Following the survey, I will conduct a discussion group of 10-12 Year 10 students that will take approximately 30 minutes, with an ASMS teacher present. The discussion will allow students to provide feedback about the survey in order to better inform its use in the future. ***If you do not want your child to participate in either the survey or the focus group or both, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.***

How the survey data will be used

Each student will receive a copy of their own responses which will also be available to ASMS teachers and leaders. The information will provide staff with information about the languages and cultures with which students identify and engage, in order to understand the diversity of the student body and to plan for teaching and learning with an intercultural focus.

Information gathered from the pre-trial will be used by the department to refine the questions and structure of the survey; to consider how to most effectively share the data from future trials with students, schools and within the department; and to determine if indeed the assessment

tool will be an effective measure of students' intercultural understanding and international mindedness.

Where can I get more information?

For further information on the Intercultural understanding and international mindedness survey or to view the questions, please email:

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