



SURVEY OF TEACHERS ON THE SCHOOL CLIMATE

You are invited to take part in a survey of teachers' views on the social and emotional climate of your school.

- The school climate survey is part of a larger project called Youth'07 which is primarily studying the health and wellbeing of secondary school students in New Zealand.
- A sample of students at your school will be involved in a survey about many aspects of their health and wellbeing.
- We also want to find out what you think about your school as a place for teachers to work and students to learn. In addition, we want to know a little about your own health and wellbeing.
- The survey will be in the form of a written questionnaire that all teachers will be invited to complete at a staff meeting (the students' survey will be done on Nokia 'tablets' – palm-sized computers – but your survey is much smaller and simpler and can be easily done with paper and pen). It should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.
- Taking part in the Youth'07 School Climate Survey is entirely voluntary. It is also anonymous – your name will not be recorded and your answers will be aggregated with others to ensure that when the results are published your particular responses will not be able to be identified or guessed at.

What is the Youth'07 Health and Wellbeing Survey and what impact will it have on your school organisation?

- This survey is being carried out to update and extend the first national survey on the health and wellbeing of New Zealand secondary school students, which was undertaken in 2001.
- Your secondary school is one of 100 randomly selected secondary schools throughout the country that have agreed to take part in Youth'07.
- The student survey in your school will be administered by a Youth'07 Field Research Team. The Field Team Leader has been working with a liaison person in your school to plan the survey.
- 18% of the students in Years 9-13 will be randomly selected to take part in the student survey.
- The selected students, if they consent to take part in the survey, will be out of class for two school periods. They will return with a Youth'07 Thank You card which is also their pass for being out-of-class.

What will happen to the information from the teacher and student Youth'07 Surveys?

- The results from the surveys at your school on the students' health and wellbeing and the school climate will be analysed and written up as confidential reports which will be supplied to your school principal.
- The researchers will ensure that no individual staff member or student can be identified in any way or their particular responses guessed at from the reports.
- After all 100 schools have been surveyed and the results analysed, reports on the combined national data will be sent to all participating schools and will also be available on our website: www.youth2000.ac.nz. The results will provide up-to-date, reliable information to help policy-makers improve health and other services for young people.

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Who is running the Youth'07 Survey?

The Youth'07 Survey is organised by researchers at The University of Auckland. The lead researcher is Dr Simon Denny, Paediatrician and Specialist Youth Doctor at Kidz First Hospital in Counties Manukau.

How is the Youth'07 Survey funded?

Funding for Youth'07 has been provided by the Health Research Council in partnership with the Ministry of Youth Development and other government ministries and agencies.

For more information:

If you want to know more about how the Youth'07 Survey will be organized in your school please ask a member of your school's senior management team.

If you want to find out more about the Youth'07 Survey itself, please contact:

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