



Student Wellbeing Survey

FAQS – PARENTS AND CARERS

STUDENT WELLBEING SURVEY

1. Why is my child doing the survey?

The wellbeing of all children and students is important to the Department of Education.

An annual Student Wellbeing Survey will be undertaken in schools every March. All students in Years 4–12 will be surveyed to share views on their own wellbeing. The survey results will help schools to understand the wellbeing needs of students and for the Department of Education to support these needs.

In 2020, the survey will run between 10 March to 3 April. Your child's school will determine when the survey will be run within this period.

2. What sort of questions will be asked?

Students will be asked different types of questions to help schools to understand how students feel about things such as their experience at school, their friends and their learning.

Some examples of the questions include:

Wellbeing Domain	Sample Questions
Loved and Safe	<i>At my school, there is a teacher or another adult who listens to me when I have something to say.</i> <i>Teachers and students treat each other with respect at this school.</i>
Material Basics	<i>How often do you eat breakfast?</i> <i>How often do you get a good night's sleep?</i>
Being Healthy	<i>I have more good times than bad times.</i> <i>I worry a lot about things at school.</i>
Learning	<i>If I need extra help, I will receive it from my teachers.</i> <i>I work hard on learning.</i>
Participating	<i>My past experiences have prepared me well for the future.</i> <i>I tend to bounce back quickly after hard times.</i>
Positive Sense of Culture and Identity	<i>I feel like I belong at this school.</i> <i>I feel that I usually fit in with other kids around me.</i>

3. Will all government schools be undertaking the Student Wellbeing Survey?

Yes, all Tasmanian government schools will undertake the survey with students in Years 4–12.

4. What will happen to the results?

The results of this survey will help schools to better understand how to support students. The results will also help the Department of Education to develop valid and reliable measures of child and student wellbeing to inform future effort and planning. The results will be treated with the highest confidentiality and will not be used to identify students.



5. How will this survey impact on my child's normal classroom program?

The school will identify a period of time in your child's timetable to undertake the survey. The survey will take approximately 20–45 minutes to complete. The survey will be run once a year and will not impact upon the normal classroom program.

6. Is the survey compulsory?

All schools will be participating in the surveys, and students will be encouraged to participate to help us to understand their wellbeing needs. However, parents or carers may opt out from their child undertaking the survey. Students can also opt out and may stop the survey at any time.

7. What if my child needs assistance to complete the survey?

Your child will complete the survey during class time. A teacher will oversee the completion of the survey and will be there to provide any assistance on the day. An audio version of the survey has been developed to assist some students to complete the survey.

At the end of the survey, your child will be given a form which will allow them to indicate if they want a follow up conversation about the survey or their answers to the questions. If you feel that your child may need additional support to complete the survey, please contact your school principal. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

8. How will schools use the information collected?

The information will be used to support the wellbeing and learning of your child as part of whole of school planning. Please talk to your school about how it intends to use the wellbeing data.

9. Who can I talk to if I have any questions?

You should contact your school principal for any questions.

10. What should I look out for in my child after completing the survey?

If you notice that your child doesn't seem their usual self or if you are concerned about them, you may choose to ask them if there's anything that they want to talk about. If you would like any support or if you have any concerns about your child, please contact your school principal.

