

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey – Term 3

Students at Blackmans Bay Primary School will be participating in the annual Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey during Term 3.

The wellbeing of all students at Blackmans Bay Primary School is important to us. When students feel safe, supported, and connected, they are more likely to engage positively in their learning. This survey is part of the department's *Wellbeing for Learning – Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy* and helps us gain a clearer understanding of our students' current wellbeing, as well as identify opportunities to enhance the support we provide.

### **Why is the survey important?**

The survey gives students in Years 4 to 12 an opportunity to share their thoughts on their wellbeing and engagement with school. The more students who participate, the clearer our understanding will be of how they're feeling and what support they may need.

### **What does the survey cover?**

Students will be asked about a range of topics under the six Wellbeing domains:

- Healthy
- Valued, Loved and Safe
- Material Basics
- Learning
- Participating
- Positive Sense of Identity and Culture

### **How will the survey be conducted?**

Students will complete the survey on a device during class time. Participation is voluntary, and students can choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time. If you **DO NOT** want your child to take part, please complete and return the attached form by Friday 5th of September.

### **Confidentiality and privacy**

All responses are confidential. Individual students cannot be identified in the results, and schools with fewer than five participants will not receive a report to protect student privacy.

**What if a student becomes upset?**

While the survey is not expected to cause distress, it does include questions about topics such as happiness and bullying. Students will be supported throughout the process and reminded that:

- They can skip any question or stop the survey at any time
- Participation is not compulsory
- Support is available if they wish to talk to someone afterwards

**What do I need to do?**

If you are happy for your child to participate, no action is required. If you prefer that your child does not take part, please complete the attached opt-out form and return it to the school by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Want to know more?**

For more information, including sample questions, please refer to the attached FAQ document or search “SWES” on the department’s website: <https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au>.

If you have any concerns or would like to view the survey questions, please contact our school office or email the departments SWES coordinators at: [wellbeing.unit@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:wellbeing.unit@decyp.tas.gov.au).

Sincerely,



Ashley McPherson  
**Principal**

# STUDENT WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Decline to participate in activity form

If you agree for your child to participate in the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey, you do not need to do anything.

If you **DO NOT** agree for your child to participate in the wellbeing survey, please complete the form.

I,

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[PRINT NAME], DO NOT agree for my child/ren,

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[PRINT CHILD'S NAME]

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[PRINT CHILD'S NAME]

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[PRINT CHILD'S NAME]

from

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Blackmans Bay Primary School to participate in the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey.

Signature of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_