

# MAKING FUTURES

## *Generational change, youth values and education*

### Information sheet for students



Hi, I am Julie McLeod, a researcher at The University of Melbourne in the Graduate School of Education. I am doing a research project on what young people think about school, their views on social issues and their future plans. This is part of a larger project, which looks at the history of young people and schooling in Australia since the 1950s. I am undertaking interviews with students from several schools in Victoria once a year over a period of four years. The interviews will be conducted while students are in years 10 to 12 and in the first year after they leave school. I also hope to conduct separate interviews with students' parents to understand if and how values and attitudes have changed across the generations. Interviews with students would usually take place at school and those with parents at a place convenient for them.

### Would you like to take part in an interview?

If you think you might like to participate in this study **please read this information sheet carefully**. It answers some questions you might have about the project and explains what is involved.

#### The aim of the project

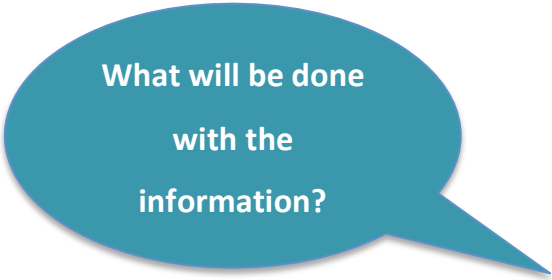
To understand young people's educational experiences, social views and their thinking about their future. It also aims to understand how their experiences of education compare with those of their parents.

The interviews will go for about 45 to 60 minutes and will be audio-recorded so that I have an accurate record of the responses.

If you prefer not to be audio-recorded I can take written notes instead. In some interviews you will be asked to bring a photo that you like and to talk about it.

You can stop the interview at any time and if you change your mind about being part of the study you can withdraw; it is up to you whether or not you take part.

#### What happens in the interview?



**What will be done  
with the  
information?**

**The audio recording will be transcribed and at the end of the project you will be sent copies to review and edit.**

I will prepare brief summaries of your interview for the project. Digital copies of the full transcribed interviews will be stored so that other researchers can access them. If you agree, the audio recording can be made available to researchers 50 years after your final interview.

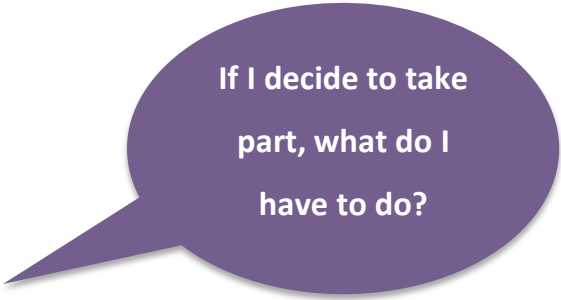
**The information from the interviews will be used in articles, books, websites and conference talks.**

To protect your privacy I will use a false name for you, unless you would like me to use your real name.

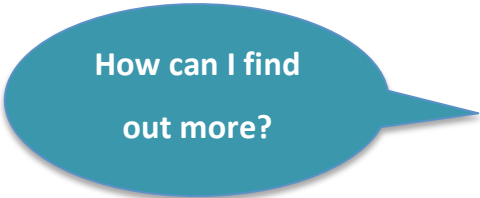
**Read the attached information sheet and consent form and discuss this with your parents or guardians.**

If you wish to take part in the interview and you are under 18 then, your parents or guardians must also sign a consent form. There is a separate consent form for you to sign. The interviews cannot begin until these forms are signed. Please return these forms to your school coordinator or bring them to the interview.

**PARENT INTERVIEWS:** There is also an Information Sheet and consent form for your parents inviting them to be interviewed separately about their educational experiences. If they are interested in participating could you please return the consent form to your school co-ordinator; they can also contact me with any questions.



**If I decide to take  
part, what do I  
have to do?**



**How can I find  
out more?**

**Contact Julie McLeod  
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**Should you have any concerns about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Human Research Ethics, The University of Melbourne, by telephone: (03) 8344 2073, or by fax: (03) 9347 6739.**

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