



Bass High School

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1. What is the research study about?

The NSW Equity Consortium is a voluntary partnership between three inner-Sydney universities (UNSW, Macquarie University and University of Technology Sydney) who are currently engaged in outreach work that builds student and school capacity for accessing tertiary education. The Consortium invites your child to take part in this research study which examines how university partners work together and with partner schools in the university outreach/equity space. Your child has been invited to participate because they will engage with the NSW Equity Consortium's outreach program in their normal Year 7-9 schooling. The Whole-of-cohort Outreach with Years 7-9 Project is participatory, longitudinal and mixed-methods and targets whole cohort year groups in Years 7, 8 and 9 at 5 different secondary schools across Sydney. As part of this project, the Consortium has developed a shared outreach program that will examine and evaluate changes (if any) to students' imagined futures, expectations and aspirations, literacies, and further education choices over five years of their schooling.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers from the NSW Equity Consortium:

UNSW	UTS	Macquarie
Sally Baker	John Buchanan	Carolina Morison
Dennis Alonzo	Sonal Singh	Janet Dutton
Katie Osborne-Crowley	Katherine Bates	Kim Wilson
Katy Head	Clare Netherton	Danielle Colenbrander
Caitlyn McLoughlin	Amanda Moors-Mailei	Susan Ollerhead
Steffi Dourado	Sarah Ellis	Stuart Upton
William De Lima		Saskia Kohnen
Brad Golledge		
Thomas Pyke		
Samantha Skinner		
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3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to allow your child to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for your child to take part. The research study is looking for students who meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in year 7, 8 or 9 at one of the following schools: Bass High School, Cabramatta High School, Campbelltown Performing Arts High School, Prairiewood High School, Punchbowl Boys High School

Children who meet the following criteria will be excluded from the study:

- Students who attend a school other than the 5 listed above

4. Does my child have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If your child does not want to take part or you do not want your child to take part, they don't have to.

If you decide you want your child to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Sign and return the consent form if you decide your child may participate in the study.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide that your child may take part in the research study, we will ask your child to complete a survey. The survey will ask your child questions about themselves, their schoolwork and their future. It should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete and will be completed in class time. Your child may be asked to complete this survey on a few occasions. If they are in Year 7 this year, they will be asked to complete the survey once this year (2021 in Year 7) once next year (2022 in Year 8) and once the year after (2023 in Year 9). If they are in Year 8 this year, they will be asked to complete it once this year (2021 in Year 8) and once next year (2022 in Year 9). If they are in Year 9 this year, they will just be asked to complete it once this year.

Additional Costs and Reimbursement: There are no costs associated with participating in this research project, nor will you or your child be paid.



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Psychological Distress: We don't expect the questions to cause any harm or discomfort; however, if your child experiences feelings of distress as a result of participation in this study you can let the research team know and they will provide you with assistance. Participants can also access free support independent of UNSW, UTS or Macquarie University through the following services:

- Beyond Blue, 1300 22 4636
- Lifeline Australia, 13 11 14
- NSW Mental Health Line, 1800 011 511

6. What will happen to information about my child?

By signing the consent form, you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about your child for the research study.

The research team will store the data collected from your child for this research project for a minimum of 5 years after the publication of the research results and then it will be destroyed.

The information about your child will be stored in a re-identifiable format where any identifiers such as your child's name, address, date of birth will be replaced with a unique code.

You will be asked to provide your consent for the research team to share or use the information collected from your child in future research that will be specific to the aims of this research. Your child's information will only be shared in a format that will not identify you.

7. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research. All information will be published in a way that will not identify you.

If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by inserting your email or mailing address in the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

8. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent for your child to participate, you may withdraw your child at any time. You can do so by completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' which is provided at the end of this document. Alternatively, you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. If you decide to leave the research



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study, the researchers will destroy any information that has already been collected and no additional information will be collected from you. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study, will not affect your relationship with your school, UNSW Sydney, UTS or Macquarie University.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	200713

9. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact Details

Name	Dr Sally Baker
Position	Senior Lecturer, School of Education, UNSW
Email	sally.baker@unsw.edu.au



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Consent Form – Parent guardian providing consent

Declaration by the parent guardian

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent for my child to participate in this research study;
- I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
- I provide my consent for the information collected about my child to be used as described in section 6 of this document.
- I understand that if necessary, I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
- I freely agree to allow my child to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw my child at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only;
- I understand that I will be given a signed copy of this document to keep.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

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Optional Consent for reuse of data and future research:

- I provide my consent for the information collected about me to made available to other researchers as described at section 6 of this document.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name of child participant (please print)	
Name of parent guardian (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

Researcher Signature

Name of Researcher (please print)	
Signature of Researcher	
Date	

* Note: All parties signing the consent section must date their own signature.



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Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent for my child to participate in the research proposal described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with my school, UNSW Sydney, UTS, Macquarie University.

- I am withdrawing my consent and I would like any identifiable information collected about me or my child which I have provided for the purpose of this research study withdrawn.
- I am withdrawing consent for my child to participate in further components of this research and provide my permission for the research team to retain and/or use information collected about my child which have been provided for the purpose of this research.
- I am withdrawing my consent and I understand that any information already published and/or not linked to my child's identity cannot be withdrawn from the research.

Participant Name

Name of child participant (please print)	
Name of parent guardian (please print)	
Date	

The section for Withdrawal of Participation should be forwarded to:

Name	Dr Sally Baker
Position	Senior Lecturer, School of Education, UNSW
Email	sally.baker@unsw.edu.au

