

**AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION YOUTH PARTICIPATION PROJECT (SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM)**  
**Participant Information Statement: Parent/Guardian Survey**

The Centre for Sport and Social Impact (CSSI) at La Trobe University is currently working with the Australian Sports Commission and a selection of National Sporting Organisations researching the effectiveness of youth focused sport programs in the secondary school environment.

***Background***

The rate of sport participation declines as youth age through secondary school. To address this trend, the Australian Sports Commission has funded a Sporting Schools Program to support schools and National Sport Organisations to develop and implement sport based products designed to target and engage secondary school students. The aim of this research is to better understand what works in the Australian education context and to better represent the actions that can be taken by sport and key partners in the education sector and the wider community.

You are receiving this email because you are the parent/guardian of a child whose school has been involved in this program, and we would be interested to hear your perceptions about sport in secondary schools.

***Your involvement***

We would like to **invite you to complete a 15 minute survey** about your child's experience with sport. Specifically, topics of the survey include: your perceptions of your child's physical activity and sport engagement; the key influences on sport participation for your child; barriers to sport participation for your child; and motivations for your child's engagement with sport.

**When you complete the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter the draw for one of seven Coles/Myer Gift Vouchers (1 x \$1000; 1 x \$250 or 5 x \$50).**

Participation is entirely voluntary, and should not inconvenience you. The feedback received through the evaluation will offer valuable insight into the how sport programs can be most effectively delivered to engage students in the secondary school environment.

***Eligibility and risk***

You must be the parent/guardian of a child attending a school involved with the Australia Sports Commission Youth Participation Project (Sporting Schools Program) to participate. There are no disadvantages, penalties or adverse consequences for not participating in the research or for withdrawing from the research. There are no known risks associated with this research project and you are not expected to be subject to any risk, harm or discomfort by participating in this research.

***Data management***

The responses given in the survey will be confidential. Confidentiality will be achieved by giving each survey response a numerical code and by storing the raw data collected electronically on a secure hard drive. This data will only be shared between those directly involved with the research. Your email address will be collected and used as a survey identifier only, this is to enable the researcher to match your survey results from the beginning of the program to those given after the program has been completed. Once the matching process has been completed, all email addresses will be destroyed immediately and your survey de-identified. Your identity will not be shared with any third party as we value your privacy. As per university guidelines, LTUs raw data will be kept for a minimum of five years after the completion of the research, and will then be destroyed.

The Australian Sports Commission will be provided with a copy of all de-identified raw data which will be permanently stored on their secure website. The survey data may be made available on request to approved external parties conducting relevant research projects.

The survey is being conducted using Survey Gizmo software which is based in the United States of America. Information you provide on this survey will be transferred to Survey Gizmo's server in the United States of America. By completing this survey, you agree to this transfer.

***Reporting of results***

The results will be utilised in completing a report for the Australian Sports Commission and in the presentation at conferences and publication in academic journals. These may be made available to you through the Australian Sports Commission.

***Withdraw your consent***

You have the right to withdraw from active participation in this project at any time. This can be done by closing your browser before you submit the survey online. If you wish to withdraw after you have submitted the survey, you can demand that data arising from your participation are not used in the research project provided that this right is exercised within four weeks of the completion of your participation. You are asked to complete the "Withdrawal of Consent Form" or to notify the researcher by email or telephone that you wish to withdraw your consent for your data to be used in this research project.

***Further information***

Any questions regarding this research may be directed to:

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*If you have any complaints or concerns about your participation in the study that the researcher has not been able to answer to your satisfaction, you may contact the Senior Human Ethics Officer, Ethics and Integrity, Research Office, La Trobe University, Victoria, 3086 (P: 03 9479 1443, E: humanethics@latrobe.edu.au) . Please quote the application reference number \_\_E16/44\_.*

**Thank you for your participation**