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Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey (Years 4-6) – Term 3, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Students in our school are taking part in the annual Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey. The Survey will take place later in Term 3, 2024.

The wellbeing of all students at Albuera Street Primary School is important to us. When young people feel safe, connected, and secure, they are more likely to engage in their learning.

This survey forms part of the Department's *Wellbeing for Learning - Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy*. It helps us get a picture of the current wellbeing of our students, and what we can do to improve future wellbeing. The more students who take part, the clearer our picture will be.

Please note: students' answers are confidential. No one (including school staff) will use the results to identify individual students.

Purpose of the survey

Young people's sense of wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. We encourage students in Years 4 to 12 to take part.

The information collected will help in many ways. For example, it will tell us that a certain percentage of students feel like they receive the help they need. Or that a certain percentage feel like they worry a lot. This information will help our school, the Department of Education, and our school community to support young people's wellbeing.

What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their:

- social and emotional wellbeing
- school relationships and engagement and learning in school
- physical health and wellbeing
- after school activities.

What is involved?

Students will fill out the survey on a device during class time. We will ask students if they would like to take part, and they can choose to withdraw at any time.

If you do not want your child to participate, please collect a "Decline to Participate" form from the school office.

Will students' information be kept confidential?

The Department takes measures to ensure students' personal information and their identities remain anonymous when participating in the survey. Participating schools with fewer than five (5) students undertaking the survey will not receive a school report in order to protect the confidentiality of students.

What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

The survey questions are not expected to distress students. However, the survey does include questions that ask about topics such as students' happiness and experiences of being bullied.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey screen immediately
- it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole, and
- students may also skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students may want to speak to an adult about concerns or issues raised and we will support them with this.

What do I have to do?

If you agree for your child to take part in the wellbeing survey, you do not need to do anything.

If you do not want your child to take part in the wellbeing survey, please collect and complete a **Decline to Participate** form from the office and return it to school by Friday August 17th.

Where can I get more information?

More information about the survey can be found in this week's school newsletter. This will include examples of the survey questions.

If you would like further information on the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey, visit <https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/> and search for "SWES" in the search bar. This information can also be collected from the school.

For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email wellbeing.unit@decyp.tas.gov.au or contact our school office.

Sincerely



Jo Waldon
Principal