

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

TITLE OF PROJECT:

Digital education and capability in South Australia's public education system

Dear participant,

You are invited to participate in an online survey to gain your reflections on digital education in South Australia. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and anonymous. You are free to withdraw from the project at any time without affecting your status with the Department for Education now or in the future.

Please read all the information below and ask questions about anything you do not understand before deciding to participate. Completion of the survey will be taken as consent to participate. By completing and submitting the survey, you are indicating that you have read and understood the Participant Information and give your consent to be involved in the research. Completion of the survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes.

STUDY DETAILS

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of South Australia.

Purpose of Research:

The research aims to undertake an online survey to understand teacher, principals, department and parental use and perceptions of digital technology including current use and goals, as well as areas for improvement. The research will bring a quantitative snapshot of the current state, to help the department understand opportunities for change and bring validity to policy solutions that emerge.

What you will be asked to do:

Your involvement would be to complete an online survey. The online survey will ask you to reflect on your perceptions of technology use in Schools or the Department for Education and what technologies you may be currently using. You will be asked to provide basic demographic information including gender, postcode and role. Please be aware that, as the survey is intended to be anonymous, once you submit your survey the research team will be unable to remove your response as it will be impossible to identify your individual data.

Data Being Collected:

All information you may give will be treated in the strictest confidence. The online survey is intended to be anonymous. The researchers will take every care to keep data confidential, all records containing any personal information will remain confidential and no information which could lead to identification of any individual will be released, unless required by law. However, the researcher cannot guarantee the confidentiality or anonymity of material transferred by the internet.

The data collected in this study will be electronic in format and stored for seven years, as per the requirements of the Australian Code for Responsible Conduct of Research and the University of South Australia policy. The data collected in this project on UniSA password-protected share drive, only accessible by the project team listed in section 1. All records containing any personal

information will remain confidential, and no information which could lead to the identification of any individual will be released unless required by law.

Risks and Discomforts:

It is not anticipated that there are any risks to participation in this study beyond those encountered during everyday life. Any participants or third parties who wish to lodge a complaint about either the study or the way it is being conducted should contact the Executive Officer of UniSA HREC in the first instance, email: humanethics@unisa.edu.au or phone: 8302 3118.

Questions about the Research:

This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any ethical concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant, or should you or any third parties wish to lodge a complaint about either the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the Executive Officer of this Committee – (tel: +61 8 8302 6330; email: humanethics@unisa.edu.au)

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