

A/Prof Wes Imms  
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The University of Melbourne  
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Dear A/Prof Imms

### **Approval of research proposal**

Thank you for your application to conduct the proposed research titled *Innovative learning environment and teacher change*. I am pleased to inform you that the Education and Training Directorate (the Directorate) has approved Stage 1 (a) and (b) of your research.

Please note the following conditions regarding your proposed research project:

- research in the school(s) must be concluded by 16 December 2016
- in order to continue with Stages 2 and 3 of your project, you are required to submit a separate application for approval
- any publication or provision of your research must not enable the identification of any student, school or system. Data for the ACT must not be identifiable
- any changes in the methodology, scope and timeframe of the project require approval from the Directorate
- names of schools that participated in the research project must be provided to the Directorate at the completion of research/data collection in schools
- provide the Directorate with an embargoed copy of your report prior to release for briefing purposes. An electronic copy of the embargoed report should be forwarded to the Directorate at [DETRResearch@act.gov.au](mailto:DETRResearch@act.gov.au)
- a final post-release copy of your report should be mailed to:

Senior Manager  
Data Management  
Planning and Performance Branch  
Education and Training Directorate  
ACT Government  
GPO Box 158  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

- research reports received as per the preceding conditions are placed in an online library accessible internally to all Directorate staff in order to inform policy and program development and evaluation through research in public schools.

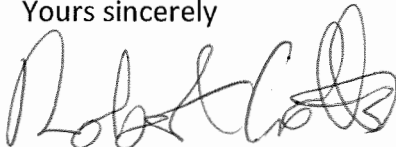
The Directorate approves research in all public schools. You may now directly approach the principals of schools, with a copy of this approval letter, for permission to carry out your research. It will be at the discretion of the principal as to whether your research can proceed at their site.

Any information that you obtain as part of research or data collection must be treated in accordance with the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

If you require any information about this letter and/or the research application process, please contact Mr Phill Nean on 620 59189 or at [Phill.Nean@act.gov.au](mailto:Phill.Nean@act.gov.au)

Best wishes for your research.

Yours sincerely



Robert Gotts

Director

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15 September 2016



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1<sup>st</sup> September, 2016

Dear Assoc Prof Imms,

Thank you for your Application to Conduct Research entitled: *Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Change*, with schools under the auspices of Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP).

**The research has been approved.**

This letter approves you and/or your research team to approach secondary principals of schools for their approval.

Please note the following points in relation to the research request:

- This approval letter must accompany any approach by your team to a school principal
- It is the school principal who will provide final permission for research to be carried out in the school
- Confidentiality needs to be observed in reporting and must comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000.
- Feedback should be provided to schools and a copy of the findings of the research forwarded to the email address shown below.

I look forward to the results of this study and wish you the best over the coming months. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this research in our diocese, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9407 7070 or [pbarrett@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pbarrett@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Patrick Barrett**

Manager of Programs (Special Purpose)



## Abstract

The Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Change (ILETC) project is an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Project funded for 4 years from 2016-2019. Led by leading academics in the University of Melbourne, it brings together the expertise of leading researchers in education and learning environments and partner organizations in education and learning environment design and technology. The research will be conducted in 3 stages using exploratory and mixed method research design, and will investigate the broad research question, *Can altering teacher mind frames unlock the potential of innovative learning environments?*

## Ethics Approval

University of Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee (Reference No: 1646949)

## Schools

All schools invited as part of a National Research Project.



Dr Marian Mahat  
Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE VIC 3010

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**SERAP 2016454**

Dear Dr Mahat

I refer to your application to conduct a research project in NSW government schools entitled *Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Changes*. I am pleased to inform you that your application has been approved.

You may contact principals of the nominated schools to seek their participation. **You should include a copy of this letter with the documents you send to principals.**

This approval will remain valid until 31-Dec-2016.

The following researchers or research assistants have fulfilled the Working with Children screening requirements to interact with or observe children for the purposes of this research for the period indicated:

Researcher name	WWCC	WWCC expires
Marian Mahat	VIC0403588801	07-Dec-2017
Wesley Imms	VIC0788973A01	01-Sep-2021

I draw your attention to the following requirements for all researchers in NSW government schools:

- The privacy of participants is to be protected as per the NSW Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.
- School principals have the right to withdraw the school from the study at any time. The approval of the principal for the specific method of gathering information must also be sought.
- The privacy of the school and the students is to be protected.
- The participation of teachers and students must be voluntary and must be at the school's convenience.
- Any proposal to publish the outcomes of the study should be discussed with the research approvals officer before publication proceeds.
- All conditions attached to the approval must be complied with.

When your study is completed please email your report to: [serap@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:serap@det.nsw.edu.au)  
You may also be asked to present on the findings of your research.

I wish you every success with your research.

Yours sincerely

Dr Robert Stevens  
**Manager, Research**  
22 September 2016







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Associate Professor Wesley Imms  
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Dear Associate Professor Imms,

Your research project titled "*Innovative Learning Environment and Teacher Change*" has now been reviewed by a senior Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) consultant with respect to protection from harm, informed consent, confidentiality and suitability of arrangements. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that your project has been **approved subject to the following conditions:**

- That a copy of any final reports, presentations or manuscripts accepted for publication be submitted to the [DECD.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au](mailto:DECD.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au) mailbox 30 days prior to their publication or release to other government or nongovernment agencies.

Please contact Jessica Newport, Executive Assistant, Business Intelligence Unit on (08) 8226 1206 or email: [DECD.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au](mailto:DECD.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au) for any other matters you may wish to discuss regarding the general review/approval process.

**Please supply the department with an electronic copy of the final report** which will be circulated to interested staff and then made available to DECD educators for future reference.

I wish you well with your research project.

Ben Temperly  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE  
1 September 2016

Att: Principal/Director/Site Manager letter





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**RESEARCHER: Associate Professor Wesley Imms**

**RESEARCH BODY: University of Melbourne**

Dear Principal/Director/Site Manager

The research project titled "*Innovative Learning Environment and Teacher Change*" has been reviewed centrally and granted approval for access to Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) sites. However, the researcher will still need your agreement to proceed with this research at your site.

Once approval has been given at the local level, it is important to ensure that the researchers fulfil their responsibilities in obtaining informed consent as agreed, that individuals' confidentiality is preserved and that safety precautions are in place.

The Researchers whose names appear below are the only persons permitted to conduct research on your site on the condition that they have no contact with children or access to personal information or identifiable data.

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| • A/Professor Wesley Imms  | • Mr Chris Bradbeer    |
| • Professor David Clarke   | • Mr Terry Byers       |
| • Dr Ben Cleveland         | • Ms Joann Caitlin     |
| • A/Professor Kenn Fisher  | • Ms Ethel Villafranca |
| • Professor Lisa Grocott   | • Ms Pamela Yang       |
| • Professor John Hattie    | • Ms Fiona Young       |
| • A/Professor Clare Newton | • Ms Dan Murphy        |
| • Professor Thomas Kvan    | • Ms Anne Knock        |
| • Dr Marian Mahat          |                        |

Please advise us if your DECD site will be participating in the research as the information is required as part of the research application process and to keep a record of the burden placed on individual sites for research purposes.

Researchers are encouraged to provide feedback to sites used in their research, and you may wish to make this one of the conditions for accessing your site. To ensure maximum benefit to DECD, researchers are also asked to supply the department with a copy of their final report which will be circulated to interested staff and educators for future reference.

Please contact Jessica Newport, Executive Assistant, Business Intelligence Unit on (08) 8226 1206 or email: [DECD.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au](mailto:DECD.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au) for further clarification if required, or to obtain a copy of the final report.

Yours sincerely

**Ben Temperly**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE**

/ September 2016