

Information sheet for secondary students

Investigating relationships between student approaches to learning and teacher mindframes in innovative and traditional learning environments



Australian Science and Mathematics School, Adelaide

What is this research project about?

This research is part of the Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Change project (ILETC) at the University of Melbourne, which is investigating whether different types of classroom design are related to differences in the way students learn.

How will this project improve education?

Over the past decade, billions of dollars have been invested in more open and flexible classrooms. Some people claim these learning environments can affect how students learn, better preparing them for the world they will face when they graduate. This project will investigate this claim.

What will my involvement be?

Your participation will involve completing a 5-minute survey asking how you approach and think about your studies.

Who is conducting the research?

Dan Murphy, PhD student at the University of Melbourne under the supervision of Associate Professor Wesley Imms.

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What do I need to know about participating?

Your school's principal has agreed to participate and the project has been approved by the University of Melbourne.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. Should you wish to withdraw at any stage, or to withdraw any unprocessed data you have supplied, you are free to do so.

Are there any risks and how will my privacy be protected?

The University of Melbourne takes the confidentiality and rights of research participants very seriously. You cannot be identified personally with the answers you provide

The confidentiality of your responses will be protected to the fullest possible extent, within the limits of the law. Survey responses will be kept securely for five years from the completion of the larger ILETC project (including publication and public release) and will be destroyed after this time.

This questionnaire is being conducted using Qualtrics survey software. The company employs high level security systems approved by the University of Melbourne.

Can I find out the results of the research?

Once the report arising from this project has been completed, a summary of the findings will be available to your school. If you would like to receive a copy of this report, click 'Yes' on the first page of the survey (If you click 'Yes' you will be asked at the end of the survey to provide an email address; this information is kept separate from the survey responses and cannot identify you with your answers).

The results will also be published in academic journal articles and presented at conferences. Publications of the ILETC team are available on the project website www.iletc.com.au

What if I have concerns or complaints about the research?

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact:

The Manager, Human Research Ethics,
Office for Research Ethics and Integrity,
University of Melbourne, VIC 3010.
Tel: (03) 8344 2073 or Email: HumanEthics-complaints@unimelb.edu.au.

All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence provide the name of the research team or the name or ethics ID number of the research project (1750441).

Further information

Should you require further information, or have any concerns about the project, please contact Associate Professor Wesley Imms (email: w.imms@unimelb.edu.au) or Dan Murphy (email: dmurphy3@student.unimelb.edu.au).

If you have any queries about the ILETC project, please contact its Project Manager, Joann Cattlin, (telephone number: +613 9035 8694, joann.cattlin@unimelb.edu.au).