



Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

What is the *Tell Them From Me* student survey?

The *Tell Them From Me* Survey aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. It measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes.

It is an anonymous survey that is designed to measure, assess and report insights at the school and system levels.

The focus of this NSW pilot project is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey will ask students questions about:

Social engagement	Institutional engagement	Intellectual engagement
Sense of belonging at school	Values schooling outcomes	Interest and motivation
Participation in sports and clubs	Attendance	Effort
Positive friendships at school	Positive homework behaviour	Positive homework behaviour

How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey will take around 30 minutes and is conducted entirely online. Schools will make computers or laptops available so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

Will my child be identifiable from their responses?

Students cannot be personally identified by their responses.

To protect student anonymity, schools will be provided with unique student usernames and passwords prior to the start of the survey period, which will be issued to students whose parents have no objection to participation.

Does my child have to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional.

How have schools been selected to take part?

An Expression of Interest invitation was circulated to secondary and central schools at the beginning of Term 3.

More than 100 NSW schools are participating in the pilot project. Schools are of various sizes and in diverse locations ensuring broad representation.

What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and, generally, will be made available to schools within two business days.

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) will undertake state-wide analysis. Individual schools will not be identified. The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student performance.

Can all high school students participate in the survey?

Schools are encouraged to allow as many students in Years 7 to 12 as possible to have the opportunity to provide their feedback.

Although the timing of the survey period may make it more difficult for Year 12 students to participate, feedback from Year 12 students would be particularly valuable, enabling them to provide input as they come to the end of their secondary schooling.

When will the *Tell Them From Me* survey happen?

The survey will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 19 August and Friday 6 September.

Why is the Department of Education and Communities trialing this survey?

The survey data will allow the Department, through CESE, to analyse relationships between the survey measures and student performance data. This will help us better understand the impact of engagement, wellbeing and teaching practices on student outcomes, and support the Department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership.

What is the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE)?

CESE is part of the Department of Education and Communities, within the Office of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in NSW.

CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all education sectors.

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What is The Learning Bar?

The Learning Bar is a Canadian education company that specialises in school surveys. Its survey, *Tell Them From Me*, is the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of Canada's ten provinces. More than 2,600 schools and 1.7 million Canadian students have participated in the survey over the last nine years.

The Learning Bar has conducted surveys in Australia before, with schools helping to adapt surveys, ensuring they are appropriate to an Australian context.

More information about The Learning Bar is available at:

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