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Dear Not Specified McHale

Congratulations, your research application, 1514 - 'Mission Australia Youth Survey 2026', has been approved by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

We appreciate your understanding that some schools may not be in a position to engage with research. As such, schools should only be contacted once (i.e. no repeated requests).

Researchers must understand and comply with the schools' Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct at all times.

Your research application has been approved with our nine standard conditions, as outlined below, and any special conditions communicated to you by MACS during the review and feedback process.

### **2026 Special conditions:**

To avoid overburdening schools, researchers are not permitted to contact MACS schools for recruitment purposes or conduct data collection activities at these times:

1. NAPLAN test period: Monday 11 March - Friday 23 March.
2. MACSSIS survey period: Monday 31 August - Friday 18 September

### **Standard Conditions:**

1. The decision as to whether or not research can proceed in a school rests with the school's principal, so you will need to obtain their approval directly before commencing any research activity. You should provide the principal with an outline of your research proposal and indicate what will be asked of the school. A copy of the approval email, and a copy of notification of approval from your organisation's/university's Ethics Committee, should also be provided.
2. A copy of the approval notification from your institution's Ethics Committee must be forwarded to this Office (if not already provided), together with any modifications to your research protocol requested by the Committee. You may not start any research in Catholic schools until this step has been completed.
3. A Working with Children (WWC) check – or registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) – is necessary for all researchers visiting schools or handling identifiable student data on or off school sites. Appropriate documentation must be provided to MACS Research and shown to the principal before starting the research in the school.
4. Evidence of public liability and professional indemnity insurance (certificates of currency) must be provided to MACS Research prior to the commencement of the project.
5. No student is to participate in the research study unless s/he is willing to do so and consent is given by a parent/guardian.
6. Any substantial modifications to the research proposal, or additional research involving use of the data collected, will require a further research application to be submitted to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools [MACS].
7. Data relating to individuals or the school are to remain confidential and protected in line with the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth).

8. Since participating schools have an interest in research findings, you should consider ways in which the results of the study could be made available for the benefit of the school community.

9. At the conclusion of the study, a copy or summary of the research findings should be forwarded to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and to participating schools. It would be appreciated if you could submit this via email to [research@macs.vic.edu.au](mailto:research@macs.vic.edu.au).

If you have any queries concerning this matter or need to make amendments in the future, please contact [research@macs.vic.edu.au](mailto:research@macs.vic.edu.au).

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Clancy

Policy & Advocacy Manager

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