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Dear Associate Professor Filia,

I am pleased to inform that your application for variation and extension has been approved for the *Mission Australia Youth Survey*, being conducted in NSW government schools.

Details of the approval are as follows:

SERAP number:	2024018
Project title	<i>Mission Australia Youth Survey</i>
Authorised personnel	Kate Filia, Eoin Killackey, Sasha Bailey, Jana Menssink, Daniel Gan, Samantha Eala, Yan Zhang, Xiaolei Gao, Shu Mei Teo, Mengmeng Wang, Myriam Ziou
SERAP approval period:	23.02.2022 – 23.02.2027
SERAP variation details:	See below table

Variation type	Variation details
1. Revision to research instruments	<p>Revision to research instrument have been made in response to feedback, summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New questions on sex/gender and orientation, community involvement and aspirations, social media restrictions, and other statement questions.• Changed/refined questions on gender, school attendance, employment, homelessness and challenges experienced as a family, discrimination, self-perception and climate change.• Consolidated and removed any questions redundant due to the changes above.

General approval conditions

I would like to draw your attention to the following requirements and general approval conditions for all researchers in NSW government schools. These may be different to the conditions of approval listed within the project's original authorisation letter.

Variation and extension requests

You are required to maintain communication with the department throughout the research lifecycle. Approval must be sought for any significant variations to the authorised research that also requires Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approval, including the addition or removal of research personnel. SERAP authorisation can only be extended to the end date of the approval period granted by a Human Research Ethics Committee. If you require a further extension past the approval period end date, please provide a letter from the approving HREC detailing the extension of the approval period.

The [SERAP Application Guidelines](#) provide comprehensive requirements for reporting on and requesting variations and extensions to authorised research projects. Variation and extension requests must be submitted online via the [SERAP amendment request form](#).

Working with Children Check requirements

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The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is an important measure the department uses to protect children and young people and to manage risk. In accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, the NSW Department of Education must ensure that all individuals required to obtain a WWCC clearance or provide a WWCC declaration have met the relevant requirements before commencing any research activity.

You are responsible for maintaining your current WWCC clearance status if you are involved in SERAP- authorised research. You must inform the department of any changes as soon as possible. This applies to all new or existing members of your research team. You will also be required to present your WWCC clearance notification when visiting schools.

Privacy

If you are collecting personal information, you must comply with the requirements for a collection notice under NSW privacy legislation, specifically section 10 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You can also refer to the department's [bulletin on collecting personal and health information](#) for guidance.

Voluntary consent to participate and right to withdraw

Participation in SERAP- authorised research requires that all participants, including students and their parents/carers, provide voluntary, active, ongoing, and informed consent. You should ensure that participants are aware of their right to withdraw from the research at any point during the project, along with the potential implications of such a decision.

Submission of draft research outputs

You must submit drafts of proposed research outputs and publications arising from your research to the department for feedback and consideration **at least 4 weeks prior to public release** (including prior to submission for peer review).

We take a broad view of the term 'publications' which includes but is not limited to:

- Journal articles submitted for publication
- Conference abstracts or paper presentations
- Reports (interim, final, or summary) made publicly available in any format
- Blog or social media posts
- Online commentary, debate, or analysis (for example, articles for The Conversation)
- Master or PhD theses made publicly available through TROVE or a university thesis repository

Comparative statements between jurisdictions or school sectors will not be authorised in any publicly released research output.

Submission of a final report upon project completion

You are required to provide the department with:

- a copy of the final publication related to the research project (for example, report, journal article, thesis); and
- a concise, non-technical summary in plain English outlining the project's key findings.

You must also provide a summary report to the participating schools and participants in a format agreed with each site's principal. Where possible, consider offering an information or debriefing session for participants.

Reports and other research output can be emailed to the department at research.partnerships@det.nsw.edu.au

I wish you every success with your research.

Yours sincerely,



Rachel Smith
Director, Strategic Analysis and Research
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
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