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Dear Ray

### **Research Request Reference 202602 – Mission Australia’s 2026 Your Survey Research**

Thank you for your email dated 29 January 2026, requesting permission to conduct research in South Australian Catholic schools.

I am pleased to advise your research proposal has been approved, subject to the following conditions:

- any items ticked “**YES**” under “**Section 8 - Sensitivities**” in the National Projects – Application to Conduct Research in Schools form, should be highlighted in the Letter to Principal
- copies of any questionnaires or surveys will be provided to the Principal
- active consent of parents and teachers/school staff, if applicable, will be obtained
- the research complies with the ethics proposal approved by the university or the research organisation’s generally accepted ethics requirements
- the research complies with any provisions under the Privacy Act, that may require adherence by researchers in gathering and reporting data. It is understood that the data will not be used for any purposes other than the stated research, without the written approval of the relevant data custodians
- no comparison between schooling sectors will be made
- where students are involved, the researcher will carry out the research within view of the class teacher or authorised school observer
- opt-In consent will be sought from teachers, if applicable, parents and students
- the university or research organisation will provide copies of Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance documents to the Principal
- sector requirements relating to child protection and police checks are met by **ALL** researchers:
  - where researchers obtain information in relation to a student which suggests or indicates abuse, this information must be immediately conveyed to the Director of Catholic Education SA;
  - all researchers and assistants, who in the course of the research interact in any way with students or student data, are required to provide evidence of an acceptable police clearance direct to the school

**A copy of this approval letter is to be attached to correspondence to CESA schools and/or services, where participation in research is sought.**

At the conclusion of the study, a copy of the research findings should be forwarded to:

[director@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:director@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

OR

The Executive Director  
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Best wishes for the research process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jarrad Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jarrad Carter  
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20 February 2026