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Subject: RE: reference number 2026-002 RE: Mission Australia 2026 Youth Survey - Research Application
Date: Thursday, 12 February 2026 11:07:26 AM
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Dear Emily

Research Application: 2026-002

Our office has reviewed your application against the Department for Education's requirements described in our research policy and procedure.

- Please accept this email as evidence of the department's approval for your project.

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A formal letter of approval is no longer provided.

The department's approval is subject to:

- That a copy of any reports, presentations or manuscripts accepted for publication be submitted to the Education.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au inbox 30 days prior to their publication.
- That a copy of any reports, presentations or manuscripts provided to participants be submitted to the Education.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au inbox.

Please provide a copy of this approval to participating sites. If your research involves access to children, personal information, or identifiable data, please ensure you have evidence of your working with children clearance to present to sites on arrival.

Please contact the Research Unit for any other matters you may wish to discuss regarding your application (email: Education.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au).

I wish you well on your project.

Regards

Deb

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From: Education:Research Unit <Education.ResearchUnit@sa.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 23 January 2026 3:56 PM

To: Emily Richardson <RichardsonEm@missionaustralia.com.au>

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Subject: reference number 2026-002 RE: Mission Australia 2026 Youth Survey - Research Application

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Good afternoon Emily,

This e-mail is acknowledgement of receipt of your research application and associated documents. Your application has now been forwarded to a senior Department for Education officer for review.

Please use reference number 2026-002 in any future correspondence and to enquire on the progress of your research application.

Please note that the anticipated time frame for application review and approval is 8-10 weeks.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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From: Emily Richardson <RichardsonEm@missionaustralia.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 23 January 2026 12:25 PM

To: Education:Research Unit <education.researchunit@sa.gov.au>

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Subject: Mission Australia 2026 Youth Survey - Research Application

Good afternoon,

Please find attached **Mission Australia's 2026 Youth Survey research application**.

Our application, using the AARE National Application form, is accompanied by the following attached documents:

- Research Application Declaration Form
- Youth Survey Research Instrument
- Youth Survey Variations Summary (2025 versus 2026)
- Youth Survey Risk of Harm Procedure
- Supporting Documents (Information Sheets & Consent Forms):
 - Information Sheet for Principals
 - Information for Parents
 - Information for Students
 - Principal Consent Form
 - Parent Consent Form
 - Teacher or School Factsheet
 - Young Person's Guide to Reporting the Risk of Harm
- Insurance – Certificate of Currency (Public Liability)
- Insurance – Certificate of Currency (Professional Indemnity)

Please note:

1. The Youth Survey received HREC approval in 2022 from the University of Melbourne and this expires in 2027. We are in the process of getting approval for the 2026 amendments and will submit the letter of approval as soon as it is available.
2. Like previous years, the 2026 Youth Survey does NOT involve any direct contact between Mission Australia's research team and children who may participate in the survey. Therefore, the research team's Working With Children Certificates have not been provided.

Could you please confirm receipt of this email and its accompanying documents.

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your approval of our research application.

Regards,

Emily Richardson

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