



Ms Tamara Freeburn
E: youthsurvey@missionaustralia.com.au

Dear Ms Freeburn

Thank you for your application received 23 January 2026 to conduct research on Department of Education sites. The focus and outcomes of your research project, *Mission Australia 2026 Youth Survey*, are of interest to the Department.

I give permission for you to approach principals to invite their participation in the project as outlined in your application and subsequent communication.

This permission is subject to the following conditions:

- Recruitment of WA public schools may only commence once the Department receives ethics approval from The University of Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee.
- A copy of this approval letter must be provided to principals when requesting their participation in the research.
- Participation in your research project will be the decision of the schools invited to participate, individual staff members, the children in those schools and their parents.
- Any proposed changes to the research project will need to be submitted for Department approval prior to implementation.
- Upon conclusion, the results of this study are forwarded to the Department at the email address below.

Please contact Mr Harry Watson, A/Coordinator, Research Applications, on (08) 9264 5512 or researchandpolicy@education.wa.edu.au if you have further enquiries.

Very best wishes for the successful completion of your project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.W." followed by a long, sweeping flourish.

Bronwyn Whitfield
A/Director, System and School Performance

24 February 2026