



## Participant Information Sheet

### Consent for release of Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training data

#### Important information

We are asking your permission to link the information we collect about you as part of *Growing Up in Australia* with information about any Higher Education (university) or Vocational Education and Training (or VET) that you have done, are doing or might do in the future. This might include courses you study, when and where you study, as well as the outcomes of your study.

Data linkage brings together information from a number of data sources. Linking Higher Education and VET records with *Growing Up in Australia* data enables researchers to provide policy makers with insights into issues facing young Australians as they access education and training.

Linking your Higher Education and/or VET data to your *Growing Up in Australia* data will allow us to:

1. Streamline *Growing Up in Australia* interview questions, allowing us to discover more interesting things about you without making the interview any longer.
2. Gather further information on the decisions young people make about their education options.
3. Expand the range and improve the quality of the data.
4. Help build better programmes for young people.

Giving your consent is completely voluntary. If you choose not to consent to link your Higher Education and/or VET data, it will not impact your involvement in the *Growing Up in Australia* study.

By providing consent, you are agreeing that you understand the information that you have been provided about linking your Higher Education and/or VET data and that your consent will be recorded electronically by the interviewer.

If you give your consent, you are allowing your *Growing Up in Australia* survey results to be linked to any Higher Education and/or VET studies you have already undertaken or may undertake in the future.

*Growing Up in Australia* will provide your personal details such as name, date of birth and sex (and Unique Student Identifier (USI) if you have one), to the Department of Education and the Office of the Student Identifiers Registrar. The Department of Education will use your personal details to retrieve your higher education data and provide it back to the study. The Office of the Student Identifiers Registrar will verify your USI (or retrieve it, if you haven't provided it) and send it to the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) who will retrieve your VET data and provide it back to the study.

#### Withdrawal of consent to release your Higher Education and VET personal information

You can withdraw consent to link your data at any stage by:

- Calling 1800 005 508 free call



#### **Growing Up in Australia:**

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- Writing to (no postage stamp required) *Growing Up in Australia*, Reply Paid GPO Box 2282 Melbourne VIC 3001; or
- Emailing *Growing Up in Australia* at [info@growingupinaustralia.gov.au](mailto:info@growingupinaustralia.gov.au)

Any Higher Education and VET data linked before your withdrawal will continue to be used and form part of the *Growing Up in Australia* data.

If you withdraw from the study, we will continue to link to any other Higher Education and/or VET data until you withdraw your consent for the linkage.

## Your Privacy

Your personal information will be handled in the strictest confidence in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles.

**Strict procedures are followed by all partner agencies and researchers to ensure that all information collected is kept strictly confidential. Data released to researchers or policy makers is de-identified, which means that it is not possible for you to be identified by them, and only combined results (aggregate) are published.**

Further information on privacy in relation to the *Growing Up in Australia* study and the *Growing Up in Australia* Privacy Statement, can be found at:

- [growingupinaustralia.gov.au/privacy-ethics](http://growingupinaustralia.gov.au/privacy-ethics)
- by calling 1800 005 508 free call
- or by referring to your privacy brochure.

The Department of Education's privacy policy can be found at:

[www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy](http://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy)