

How is my privacy protected?

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
- by calling **1800 005 508** free call (excluding mobile phones)
- or by referring to your privacy brochure.

The Department of Education's privacy policy can be found at: education.gov.au/privacy-policy

Want more information?

If you would like more information on the *Growing Up in Australia* study please:

Visit: growingupinaustralia.gov.au or

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Education DATA LINKAGE



Linking Higher Education and VET records to *Growing Up in Australia* data



Data linkage brings together information from a number of data sources. Linking Higher Education (university) and Vocational Education and Training (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.

What data are being linked?

The *Growing Up in Australia* study asks about a range of topics including your education, employment, and wellbeing. This information will be linked with data on your Higher Education and VET studies, such as the courses you study, when/where you study, as well as the outcomes of your study.

Why do you want to link my Higher Education and/or VET data?

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 youth.

Even if you aren't studying now or planning to do any higher education or vocational study in the future, we would still really appreciate getting your permission to link to any future data, just in case.

Do I have to give consent?

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 I give consent to data linkage, what happens next?

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 use your personal information, including contact details and date of birth (and USI if you have one), to retrieve any Higher Education and/or VET information you might have from the Department of Education (and/or their nominated representatives).

The Department of Education and/or their nominated representatives will also provide any contact details they have for you to *Growing Up in Australia*, which will be used to maintain contact with you for the purposes of the Study.

Can I withdraw my consent?



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

- **Calling:** **1800 005 508** free call (excluding mobile phones)
- **Writing to:** *Growing Up in Australia*, Reply Paid 91903, Dandenong VIC 3175; or
- **Emailing:** *Growing Up in Australia* at growingup@updatedetails.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.

