

SURVEY INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS



RESEARCH WITH IMPACT

AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS' EXPERIENCES OF STUDENT VIRTUAL EXCHANGE (VE)

The purpose of this research project is to investigate Australian secondary school teachers' experiences and perceptions of student Virtual Exchange (VE) programs. Part of a PhD study, the research seeks to contribute to the field of education by providing insights into what, if anything, teachers perceive their students gain from participating in student VE programs, and by exploring the potential of VE to support the development of Australian school students' global competence.

Who can participate?

Participation in this survey is open to anyone who is currently, or has been in the last 5 years, registered and employed, part-time or full-time, as an Australian secondary school teacher or completed practicums as a student teacher in a Catholic, independent, or government school. Teachers from diverse socio-economic demographics, urban, regional, rural and remote locations, with varying years of teaching experience and subjects taught, are encouraged to take part as the research aims to capture a wide range of perspectives and VE experiences.

What does participating involve?

Participation involves completion of a 15-20 minute, anonymous online survey consisting of four short sections of questions covering: the VE experiences you have engaged in, any perceived gains for your students, any aspects of the VE experiences that were particularly relevant and some basic, non-identifying demographic questions about you and your school context.

Please note that your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. Your decision to participate or not will have no impact on your employment, academic standing, or association with the University. You can voluntarily withdraw at any time. Your willingness to share your insights will greatly contribute to advancing the understanding of VE experiences in Australian secondary schools, and your privacy and confidentiality will be upheld throughout the research process.

What are the benefits and risks?

While you may not directly benefit from participating in this project, beyond having an opportunity to reflect on your practice, your valuable insights will contribute to advancing understanding of Virtual Exchange (VE) experiences and engagement in Australian secondary schools, and could contribute to shaping VE programs for current and future students.

By completing the survey, you have the opportunity to enter the draw for one of three \$100 gift cards. Please also note that in order to enter the prize draw you will need to provide contact details (name and email address). If you are randomly selected as one of the recipients of one of the electronic gift cards, and you accept to receive the gift card, your contact information (name and email address) will be retained in a CQU account held by Prezzee, with access restricted to authorised CQU administrative staff, who may not be members of the research team.

We do not expect any negative consequences associated with participating in this research, other than the time required to complete the survey. The questions are designed to gather

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This project has received CQUniversity Ethics approval: number 0000024385. If you have any ethical concerns about the project, or questions about your rights as a participant please contact:

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insights into your VE experiences and should not cause you any discomfort beyond what you would normally experience in your day-to-day life.

Is my participation confidential?

The survey can be conducted completely anonymously. You may choose to voluntarily submit some contact details consisting of at least one name (or pseudonym) a contact phone number and/or email to enter the prize draw, receive information about the survey findings, or to indicate your willingness to participate in a follow up group interview. Any personal details voluntarily provided are collected and stored separately to maintain the anonymity of the survey responses. Data will be published as group averages to further prevent recognition of individual results.

What will happen to my data?

To ensure the rigour of the research, the data will be screened to exclude any potentially fraudulent or ineligible responses. Data will be securely stored in accordance with CQUniversity policies. De-identified data may be shared with other researchers and used in future research projects, including cross-disciplinary research, and may be published openly (e.g., in an open access repository). Other researchers will not have access to your name or any other identifying data.

How do I consent?

Consent to complete the survey is indicated by clicking the Electronic Consent agreement button (next).

What if I change my mind?

You can choose to stop participating in this survey by closing the survey window on your web browser. However, please note that any responses entered prior to you leaving the survey may be used for this research. As your responses are anonymous, they cannot be withdrawn.

Where will the research outcomes be reported or shared?

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be shared through a variety of formats, including a thesis, research websites, academic publications, academic and industry conferences, blogs and media articles. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

How can I find out about the results of this research?

A short summary of the project's findings will be available at the conclusion of the project. You may request a copy of the findings by providing your email at the end of this survey or by emailing the researcher via the email listed below.

Who can I contact to discuss this research?

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the researcher Chris Higgins via c.higgins@cqumail.com or his PhD supervisor Dr Karena Menzie-Ballantyne via k.menzie-ballantyne@cqu.edu.au

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Electronic Consent

Clicking on the 'I Consent' button indicates that:

» You have read and understood the participant information

- » You voluntarily agree to participate
- » You give your consent for the data you provide to be used for the research purposes described.