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## Growing Up in Queensland 2020

### **Who is conducting the research?**

The research is being conducted by Andrea Kittila from the Queensland Family and Child Commission.

### **What is the research about?**

The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) is committed to hearing the voices of children and young people across Queensland, to learn about the issues that are important to them.

Growing Up in Queensland invites children and young people to share their experiences of life in Queensland. Through surveys, postcards and art activities, the project gathers insights about what is important to children and young people, what their communities are like and their hopes and dreams for the future.

Before 31 July 2020, parents, children and young people can visit [www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/growingup](http://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/growingup) to access our online activities.

- Youth survey for young people aged 13–18 years
- Junior survey for children aged 8–12 years
- Artwork activity for children aged 4–7 years
- Postcards for children and young people aged 8–18 years.

Children and young people's comments help bring issues to life. We will share their insights so the voices of children and young people can inspire changes to the way decisions are made.

### **How will it help children and young people with cancer and/or their families?**

All children and young people benefit from having a voice about the issues that impact them. Growing Up in Queensland aims to hear from as many children and young people as possible, from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. By giving a voice to children and young people, they feel empowered to influence the world around them.

Children and young people who have been diagnosed with cancer often feel powerless and may not feel that their voices are being heard. While the adults in their lives focus on

navigating life with a cancer diagnosis and keeping them safe, it is important that we make sure the voices of these children and young people are heard.

The QFCC will produce reports that will capture what children and young people have told us throughout the project. These reports will be given to government and non-government organisations who work with or provide services to children and young people to help them understand the needs and views of children across the state.

## **Who can take part?**

All children aged 4-18 years residing in Queensland will have the opportunity to participate. Participation in the art activity and junior survey will depend on the provision of parental consent.

## **What will participants be asked to do?**

### **Youth Survey (13-18 years)**

Young people can self-select to participate in the online survey. The survey asks about their community, their hopes and dreams, issues of importance to young people and stress. All questions are optional. This activity takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

### **Junior Survey (8-12 years)**

Children with parental consent can participate in the online survey. The survey asks about their community, their hopes and dreams, and issues of importance to children. All questions are optional. This activity takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

### **Artwork Activity (4-7 years)**

Parents are invited to read a story with their child on one of the following themes: (1) community, (2) hope and dreams, or (3) worries. Story suggestions are provided, and these are accessible via YouTube. Parents are then asked to discuss the chosen theme with their child and support them to create an artwork in response. This activity may take up to 60 minutes to complete.

### **Postcards (8-18 years)**

Children and young people can self-select to write responses to one or more of the following postcard questions:

1. What are your hopes for the future?
2. What is one issue/problem that you think adults are not taking seriously enough?
3. What makes your community a great place for people your age?
4. What would make your community a better place to live in for people your age?
5. What are some things that happen when you feel stressed? (for 13-18 years only)

Each postcard response will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

## **When and where is the research taking place?**

From now until the 31 July 2020.

## **Who has reviewed this study?**

The Children's Health Queensland Human Research Ethics Committee approved the Artwork Activity and the Postcards. The Townsville Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee approved the Junior and Youth Surveys

## **How to find out more**

The Growing Up in Queensland project team can help with any questions – email [growingupQLD@qfcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:growingupQLD@qfcc.qld.gov.au) or call (07) 3900 6000. To find out more information about the QFCC visit [www.qfcc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au)

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