

School Survey – Giving students a voice

What is the Student School Survey?

The Northern Territory Government Student School Survey is designed to collect feedback on school culture and services from the students' perspective. It is designed specifically for students in Years 5 to 12, although some schools may allow younger students to participate.

How does taking part in this survey benefit students?

Responses to the survey provide schools with key insights into student learning and wellbeing happening at the school. It is an opportunity for students to offer direct feedback to their principal and teachers, and for schools to put student voice at the centre of their self-assessment and decision making.

Principals can use this information to help them identify what may need to change to improve the school experience for their students.

What questions will be asked?

The survey aims to understand the students' perspectives on their experience at school, such as relationships with teachers and the school's support of attitudes and behaviours that promote learning. Here are some examples of the questions in the survey:

- "Teachers at this school treat students fairly."
- "I feel safe at this school."
- "This school takes students' opinions seriously."
- "I am supported by my teachers to do my best."
- "I can talk to my teachers about my concerns."

How can students complete the Student School Survey?

The survey is conducted in all Northern Territory Government Schools during Weeks 4-6, Term 3. It takes 10-20 minutes to complete.

Online – Schools will provide unique web links so students can complete the survey online on a computer, iPad, or smartphone. Schools will designate times so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

Paper – Students may be given a paper copy of the survey from the school if there is limited access to the internet or a computer.

Participation in the survey is voluntary and it can be stopped at any time if students feel unsure about the questions.

What happens if students struggle with English?

Schools may arrange for language assistants and translators to work with students where English is an Additional Language or Dialect. Contact the school directly for more information.

Will the school be able to identify the student from their answers?

Participation in the survey is anonymous and responses are collected and stored without names. This means the school will not be able to identify any particular student from the data.

For more information on the School Survey, please contact the NT Department of Education
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