

Information about paid interviews for The Smith Family's Transitions Research Project

What is the research about?

The Smith Family wants to better understand young peoples' experiences of high school and post-school transitions. This information will help us improve the support that is offered to young people.

Earlier in the year, you and more than 4,600 other young people completed a survey for us as part of this study. The survey tells us about the many different types of experiences young people are having as they go through school or as they leave school and move onto other things. We're analysing that information now and will soon be able to share with you some of what we've found.

What are the paid interviews about?

We want to talk to young people about what they're currently doing, but also the experiences that have influenced what they're doing. The interviews will give us a better idea about what's going on in young people's lives and the issues that are affecting them.

How are young people chosen to be interviewed?

60 young people will be randomly chosen from all the young people who did the survey and who said they were happy to be asked to be interviewed. Ideally, we'd like to talk to the same 60 young people again in 2022 and in 2023 to see how their lives are changing.

What will happen if I'm chosen to be interviewed?

If you are chosen, the Social Research Centre will ask you to choose a time during August that works for you and whether you want to talk to them over the phone, or on an online video call (e.g. Zoom). The discussion will take around 45 to 60 minutes. With your permission, the researcher will audio record the interview, so they accurately capture what you say.

As a thank you for participating in this research, you will receive a \$60 e-voucher to around 50 retailers on the Giftpay platform.

What happens to the information I provide?

Everything you say will be private and confidential. Your name will never be used and you will not be able to be identified in any reports.

What do I need to do to be involved?

Nothing. If you are selected to be involved, the SRC will contact you using the contact details you gave us when you completed the survey.

What if I don't want to be involved?

You don't have to be interviewed if you don't want to. It's completely voluntary. If you do not want the SRC to call you, please email The Smith Family at

transitions@thesmithfamily.com.au or call 02 9085 7143 **by 5 July 2021**, so we can take your name off the list we give the SRC. If the SRC do contact you and you don't want to be interviewed, just tell the researcher. You don't have to give a reason – you can just say no. If you decide to take part and change your mind, you are free to stop the interview at any point.

What about my privacy?

Your personal information is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988*. All information you provide is confidential and used for research purposes only. All data will be de-identified in the research report so that no names or other identifying information can be attached to it. The Social Research Centre's Privacy Policy can be found at <http://www.srcentre.com.au/taking-part-in-research/survey-participants/RIPP>

Queries and Concerns:

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