

Greetings / Tena koe / Kia orana / Malo e lelei / Talofa lava / Taloha ni / Ni sa bula vinaka / Fakaalofa atu

Why have I received this information sheet?

Your school has recently joined *Play.sport*. NZCER has been contracted by Sport NZ to provide evaluation services for *Play.sport* during 2016-18. We are seeking your support for one part of this evaluation. We are approaching schools that have joined *Play.sport* to collect baseline data. This activity is about exploring current practice and the types of changes that *Play.sport* might support. **It is not about evaluating school practice.** The baseline information is important as it will be fed back to schools, communities, and Sport NZ to assist in building *Play.sport*.

About the Student Survey

This anonymous survey is designed to collect information about students' attitudes and behaviours **before** your school starts *Play.sport*. The survey asks about learning in physical education, and the types of physical activities students take part in at school and at home. It also asks some broader questions about engagement and belonging at school.

In term 3 your school will be sent a confidential summary report of your student data. We will also be sending this confidential report to the *Play.sport* curriculum facilitators and PE mentors with whom you are working. This information can be used to assist you to work together to further develop your *Play.sport* focus.

What year groups does the survey involve?

We would like only students from some year levels to do the survey: **Year 4 and 6 from contributing and full primary schools; Year 7 from intermediate schools; and Year 9 and 10 from secondary schools.**

How long does the survey take and what is involved?

The survey takes students approximately 10-20 minutes. For Year 4 to 7 students we will provide printed paper surveys. Secondary schools can choose an online or paper option. For paper copies, we will send your school the surveys and a reply-paid courier bag for return of the completed surveys.

Ethics, confidentiality, and reporting

As part of the agreement to participate in *Play.sport*, each school was asked to commit to contributing to the evaluation. We would really value your contribution and encourage you to take part. However, participation in each evaluation activity is voluntary. The 2016 survey findings will be used to build *Play.sport*. A 2018 follow up survey will look for changes over time and provide the sport and education sectors with information about whether *Play.sport* is supporting schools to improve the quality of young peoples' experiences of physical education, physical activity, and sport.

The school data and documents that are collected as part of this evaluation will be kept secure. Only members of the NZCER project team will have access to data from individuals. You and the *Play.sport* curriculum facilitators and PE mentors you are working with will be sent confidential grouped student data from your school. Other reports for Sport NZ and community stakeholders will only include data from a group of schools. Individual schools will not be named or identified in any way in reports or discussions. If your school decides at a later date to withdraw your data, you can do so up until the time a draft report is being written at the end of June, 2016.

What do I do next?

Please fill in the relevant online form (If the link doesn't work please cut and paste it into your internet browser).

- **Contributing and full primary schools: Year 4 and 6**
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=6bf7ecec2fb4cebb5d0fb170f0e18e0>
- **Intermediate schools: Year 7**
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=1416e567d17b43fdad26c2cabaffe9e4>
- **Secondary schools: Year 9 and 10**
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=00f1a29c9cca46b09f547c8756943b29>

This form asks you to:

1. indicate whether you will be using the student survey.
2. nominate a person who will be the school contact for the student survey. We will send information directly to this person about the survey and its administration (paper-based or online).
3. indicate the approximate number of classes and students who will complete the survey.
4. nominate a person who will be a school contact for a teacher survey.

If you have any questions please contact Rachael Kearns: DDI 04 802 1430 OR play.sporteval@nzcer.org.nz

Many thanks for your help. Sally Boyd (Senior researcher, project leader)