

Supporting helpful responses to negative online behaviour

Thanks for your interest in being involved in this study, we really appreciate your time. The following information is for you to read to see if you want to be involved in a research study. Please read this carefully - and if you want to be involved, at the bottom of the page you can click the button to start the survey.

Our names are Dr Jaimee Stuart and Dr Calvin Smith. We are running a study with Griffith University and Kids Helpline to find out more about the experiences young people have of with technology as well as with cyberbullying (e.g., being left out or excluded, called names in group chats, having mean things posted about you). If you have any questions at all about this study, you can contact us any time on:

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- Dr Calvin Smith (calvin.smith@griffith.edu.au)

Who will be involved?

We are asking young people who are 12 to 16 years old from all around Australia who actively use the internet to be a part of our study. This is because lots of young people use social networking sites and apps (like Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp, and Facebook). Sometimes you might see or be involved in some negative things online. We are interested in whether you would tell anyone about those things if they happened to you and what sorts of things people in your family could do to help.

What will I be asked to do?

If you decide that you want to be in our study, we will ask you to complete an online survey about:

- The ways you use the internet and the types of rules you have in your family about what you do online.
- Your experiences of cyberbullying and what you would find most helpful for your parents to do to support you in understanding, preventing and doing something about being bullied on line.
- Some information about you - like your age, gender, and state.

The survey takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

Expected benefits of the research

What you tell us will help us to understand what you and other young people like you think parents should know and do in order to be the most help to you if you are worried about the online behaviour of others, or even your own online behaviours. We will use

that information, as well as what we learn to advise government about strategies for educating parents and young people about online bullying – how to prevent it and how to respond to it if it happens. Results from this research will be reported to yourtown and the Queensland State Government, and may also be disseminated via journal articles and / or conference presentations.

Also, if you take part in this survey you can enter into the draw to win 1 of 6 \$50 Westfield shopping vouchers, or a \$150 Westfield shopping voucher.

Do I have to do the survey?

No, you don't. Your participation is completely voluntary, and it is important to remember that if you don't want to participate, that's ok. If you decide not to participate it will not affect your relationship with the researchers, or yourtown, or the university, in any way.

Potential risks from doing the survey

There are no anticipated risks associated with this research. However, some questions may be sensitive for some people to answer, or may remind you of an event in your past that you found upsetting or distressing.

If this happens to you during or after doing this survey or you feel concerned, worried or sad, or upset please call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 to speak with a counsellor or visit: <https://kidshelpline.com.au>. For matters directly about cybersafety you can also visit the Office of the eSafety Commissioner at <https://www.esafety.gov.au>.

Will anyone else know what I say in the study?

The things that you say in the study will be confidential and we won't tell anyone else about what you say to us in a way that identifies you. If you decide to enter the prize draw we will ask you to provide your contact information, but your details will be separate from your survey responses and will only be used if you win a prize. In order to match your data with your parent's data, your family has been given a unique ID which was used to generate a special link to the survey just for you. After the study is over we will make sure that none of your contact information is connected to your responses, and will use this family ID to keep the data anonymous.

We are not able to share individual responses to the survey with you or anyone else. So if you consent to participate in the survey, no one will be shown your answers (including your parent/carer). This is because by completing the survey you have the protection of confidentiality and privacy. We will make available to you (and your parent if they request it) a brief report on the research once it is completed. If you or your parent becomes concerned about your safety online we advise to contact appropriate agencies (such as the Office of the eSafety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au>) or Kids Helpline (Ph 1800 55 1800 or visit: <https://kidshelpline.com.au>), or the Police.

Data storage and privacy

The researchers will store the survey data in digital files on a password protected file for a period of 5 years. Family IDs will be used to match the parent and child data files, and any contact details will be removed from this file. Personal information supplied for the prize draw will be deleted once prizes have been drawn. Hence, all information will be confidential to the research team, and your identity will remain anonymous at all times. For further information consult Griffith University's Privacy Plan at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/corporate-governance/plans-publications/griffith-university-privacy-plan> or telephone (07) 3735 7507.

Will you tell me what you learnt in the study at the end?

Yes, we will if you want us to. There is a question at the end of the survey that asks if you want us to tell you what we learnt in the study. If you tick 'Yes', we will send you some of the research findings when we finish the study.

Ethical conduct

This study has been granted ethical approval by Griffith University (GU ref no: 2018/452). Griffith University conducts research in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. If you or your parent/carer have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project they should contact the Manager, Research Ethics, Griffith University on 3735 4375 or research-ethics@griffith.edu.au.

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Thank you for your interest in this study.