



CONSENT FORM FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN RESEARCH

We are inviting your child to be a part of the study **Benefits of community involvement for adolescents and young adults: How resilience is built** about their experience of being involved in the Whitten Project and how it might have benefitted them over time. Participation in this project involves students completing a 20 minute survey at three different timepoints: the start of the program, the last week, and six months after finishing. We will ask them after the end of some sessions if they want to fill out the questionnaire then. Alternatively, they can complete it away from the venue and mail it to us. All participants will receive a movie ticket.

Please also read the Information to Parents/Guardians form which you have been provided. Any queries about your child's participation in this project may be directed to the researchers:

Dr. Laurie Chapin 9919 2355
Dr Carolyn Deans 9919 2334

If you are not prepared to give consent, you do not need to do anything further.

If you are prepared to give consent, please fill out this form. Parental consent is required for students aged 15 years and under, and strongly encouraged for those aged 16 and over. If you fill out this form, your child will bring it to us and this will allow us to hand them the surveys.

I, _____ (name) certify that I am over the age of 18, and the
parent or guardian of _____ (youth's name).

I give consent for the youth named above to participate in the survey if they wish to do so.

I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information provided will be safeguarded. I certify that I have had the opportunity to have any questions answered and that I understand that participants can withdraw from this study at any time and that this withdrawal will not jeopardise them in any way.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Student sign to acknowledge parental consent: _____

Date: ____/____/____

How to return this form:

- 1. Scan or take a photo of this signed form and email it to: laurie.chapin@vu.edu.au**
- 2. Ask your child to return this form the next time they attend the program.**