

## National Innovation and Science Agenda project – ACARA evaluation Privacy notice

### *Notice of collection under Australian Privacy Principle 5 (Privacy Act 1988 Cth)*

This notice is to advise you that personal information about your child will be collected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (**ACARA**) as part of ACARA's evaluation of a project funded under the Australian Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda (**NISA**). The project targets support for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies in areas of need. Importantly, ACARA will collect anonymised information only and is not able to match information it receives or collects with individual student names.

The project is intended to encourage participation and engagement with Digital Technologies in participating schools. These activities will assist teachers in delivering teaching and learning programs and enable ACARA to evaluate the success of the project.

ACARA's activities will comprise:

- a. the main study in early 2018 (we currently expect approximately 6,500 students); and
- b. a follow-up study of the same students in late 2018; and
- c. a follow-up of the same students in 2019.

While this activity is optional for schools participating in the project, many have indicated their interest. Students in Years 2, 4 and 8 (in 2018) will participate in the pre-project student survey.

ACARA administers the survey. The data from the survey will be analysed and internal reports produced to assess the success of the project. In addition, schools will receive a report summarising performance for each cohort participating in the survey. Results for each de-identified student will be provided for each section.

Section 40 of the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008* (Cth) authorises ACARA to collect personal information for purposes including conducting research relating to the national school curriculum. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to assist teachers in planning for the classroom and to evaluate the project. A secondary purpose of collection is research on the effectiveness and implementation of the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies.

ACARA protects the information it collects in accordance with the standards in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and will only collect this information in anonymised form (that is not linked to student names). You can find a summary of data fields that ACARA collects below.

### **Survey Monkey and main study**

ACARA will use SurveyMonkey for the purposes of this survey. The main study in early 2018 and the follow-up studies in late 2018 and 2019 will be conducted on an online platform Survey Monkey. For more information about SurveyMonkey, please read SurveyMonkey's privacy policy ([www.surveymonkey.com/mp/policy/privacy-policy/](http://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/policy/privacy-policy/)).

### **Collection**

ACARA will collect anonymised information from students and their school. ACARA will collect the same information for both the trial study and the main studies.

ACARA will collect the following data categories for each student for both the trial survey and the main studies: student number (made up by the school), school name, year level, and the responses to test questions that the student inputs into SurveyMonkey and the online platform (e.g. multiple choice and written responses) and scores.

The only consequence to your child if this information is not collected is that your child will not be able to participate in these activities.

### **Disclosure**

ACARA will not disclose personal information about your child unless it is required by law. ACARA will not disclose personal information collected through the online platform overseas. More detailed information is contained in ACARA's [privacy policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) ([www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy)).

### **Access and correction**

ACARA is not able to match information it receives or collects with individual student names. If you wish to access or correct your child's personal information, including access to test data, contact your child's school.

### **Complaints**

If you wish to make a complaint about ACARA's privacy practices, you can lodge a complaint with ACARA directly. ACARA's [privacy policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) provides information on how to make a complaint and how ACARA deals with complaints.

If you have a complaint about identified information (information linked to student names), contact your child's school. ACARA is not able to match information it receives or collects with individual student names.