

## Parental Involvement in Writing Survey

Mastering writing is a key competence for children's success at school and beyond. We're a team of researchers from Murdoch University and we're interested in learning more about what writing activities you and your child do at home and how confident you feel in helping your child becoming a good writer. We hope that you can help us by completing a web-based online survey on parental involvement in primary education.

### What Does Your Participation Involve?

You will be asked to complete a survey asking you about the types of activities you may do with your child to assist or encourage them with their writing development. There is no right or wrong response for any of these questions. This survey should take around 20 minutes to complete. Once you begin, you will be able to leave and re-start the survey as required. Provided the survey is still open, there is no time restriction on how long you wish to take to fill out this survey. Although your answers are important, you may skip any questions you do not wish to answer.

### Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal from the Study

It is important that you understand that your involvement in this study is completely voluntary. While we would be pleased to have you participate, we respect your right to decline. If you decide to discontinue participation at any time, you may do so without providing an explanation. Although the findings of the survey may be published, we will not publish any information that is identifiable.

If you withdraw, all information you have provided will be destroyed, provided withdrawal occurs prior to data being de-identified. If you choose to withdraw from the study after your data has been de-identified, all your information will be attributed anonymously.

### Possible Benefits

It is possible that you will notice your own involvement in your child's writing after taking this study. This may lead you to consider how you may continue to support their writing development. It may also provide you with other ideas as to how you can encourage your child to engage in writing in the future. If we are able to take the findings of this study, the result may be valuable information for others and it may lead to parents having a better understanding of how they can support their child's writing.

Overall, this study aims to expand knowledge about writing development in early education to inform writing assessment and parenting practices that empower all children to communicate their ideas into written language. The study has also the potential to help both Parents/Carers and Teachers as to how to help empower and support their child's writing. It is expected that findings from this project will provide evidence-based information to provide greater insight into practices as to how schools and Parents/Carers can work together to support their child's education.

Direct benefits to you and your child involve:

- Insight your own involvement in your child's writing.
- Taking part in a nationally funded research project (a certificate of recognition will be given to each participant teacher, child, and school after data collection).
- The potential to come across new ideas as to how to support your child's writing
- The opportunity to voice your perceptions and thoughts surrounding your involvement in your child's writing development.

### Participant Feedback

As participants in this research, Parents/Carers will have early access to details of any research outputs arising from this project made available online, in early 2022. To view these research outputs,

Parents/Carers are invited to visit the *Writing and Reading for All* Facebook page by visiting:  
<https://www.facebook.com/writingandreadingforall/>.

#### **Possible Risks**

There are no specific risks anticipated with participation in this study. However, if you find that you are becoming distressed, you will be advised to receive support from Beyond Blue, by visiting [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au) or calling 1300 22 4636.

#### **Questions**

If you want more information before you decide whether or not to participate, please feel free to email either Dr Anabela Malpique (Chief Investigator) at [a.malpique@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:a.malpique@murdoch.edu.au), Dr Brody Heritage (Co-investigator) at [b.heritage@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:b.heritage@murdoch.edu.au), or Bronte Kelso-Marsh (researcher) at [bronte.kelsommarsh@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:bronte.kelsommarsh@murdoch.edu.au).

Once we have analysed the information from this study we will put a summary of our findings on the Murdoch University repository. We would like to thank you in advance for your assistance with this research project.

If you wish to take part in this study, please click the link to continue to the survey. If you do not agree to proceed with the survey, please simply close this window.

[https://murdochuni.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a33QZRci9wEP0Tc](https://murdochuni.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a33QZRci9wEP0Tc)

This study has been approved by the Murdoch University Human Research Ethics Committee (Approval 2020/200). If you have any reservation or complaint about the ethical conduct of this research, and wish to talk with an independent person, you may contact Murdoch University's Research Ethics Office (Tel. (+61 8) 9360 6677) or e-mail [ethics@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:ethics@murdoch.edu.au)). Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.