



## **E Tū Tāngata @ Our School: Implementation and Efficacy Evaluation** **Information email from principal to parents**

Kia ora e te whānau

As you are hopefully aware, our school has been using E Tū Tāngata to support positive relationships at the school. You may have seen posters around the school or heard your children talking about the three E Tū Tāngata mindsets – *You have value! We succeed together! Others matter!* Now that E Tū Tāngata has been a part of our school for a while, we want to know what our students and parent think about it. We are joining with researchers from the University of Canterbury to do some research and see how E Tū Tāngata is contributing to our school. We would like to invite you and any of your children in Years 5, 6, 7, or 8 to participate in this research.

Participating in this research involves completing a short online survey. There is one survey for all parents in the school, one survey for the older students, and another survey for all the teachers at the school. The surveys were designed by researchers at the University of Canterbury, led by Dr. Myron Friesen from the Faculty of Education. The good thing about an electronic online survey is that everyone's data is kept private and confidential. Only the university research team will have access to your data or your child's data, and they will not be sharing any individual data with our school leadership or with the team from E Tū Tāngata. A full information sheet with all the details about the study is provided on the first page of the survey that you can access via the links below.

Very importantly, participating in this study is voluntary; it's your choice and your child's choice. No one is under any obligation to participate. Whether you choose to participate or not will in no way affect your relationship with our school, E Tū Tāngata, or the University of Canterbury.

You are invited to complete the parent survey (which takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes), and all the students in Years 5 to 8 will be invited to complete their survey, the week starting 23 June (Week 9). As a parent, you have the following options for how you and your child participate:

- If you would like to complete the parent survey, please use the following link to access the parent survey, which includes a full information sheet: <http://tinyurl.com/parentettsurvey>

If you have a child in Years 5, 6, 7, or 8, please read the information below. Children in the younger year groups will NOT be asked to participate in this research.

- To allow your child to participate, you do not need to do anything. They will be able to choose for themselves on the day of the survey if they want to participate. You can review the student survey for yourself by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ettstudentsurvey>
- If you do NOT want your child to participate in this research, please communicate that to them and inform them that on the day of the survey they will be able to do another activity on their computer or tablet instead of the survey. In addition, please use the following survey link to withdraw consent for your child's participation: <https://tinyurl.com/ettwithdrawconsent>. The following information could also be emailed to the research team ([ucett@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:ucett@canterbury.ac.nz)) or sent to the school: your name, child's name, school's name, teacher's name, and a statement that you do not want your child to participate in the E Tū Tāngata research. If your child forgets and does participate on their own, we will be able to delete their data with the information that you provide.

After reading the information sheet, if you have any questions or concerns about this research, please feel free to contact Dr. Myron Friesen by email at [ucett@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:ucett@canterbury.ac.nz). This study has been reviewed and approved by the University of Canterbury Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC#2023/88). Any ethical concerns about this study can be directed to the chair of the ethics committee via email ([human-ethics@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:human-ethics@canterbury.ac.nz)). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ngā mihi nui

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