The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is attached. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Mrs Jennifer Ribeiro
Deputy Principal

Swimming Carnival

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015
Held at Emerton Leisure Centre on Tuesday 17 Feb, what a ‘splash’ of a day was had by all! The sun was shining and the students were cheering for what was a successful annual swimming carnival. Congratulations to all students who participated in the swimming events and
Each week, we focus on one behavioural expectation.

**Week 5** - I do my best to learn and achieve

**Week 6** - I use my timetable to be in the right place

the variety of sporting activities back at school in the afternoon.

The final results were tight and the house champions for 2015 were RUSE! Congratulations to all Ruse students for their efforts and participation.

Students gave the teachers a run for their money in the teachers vs students relay races, however, coming in 1st and 2nd place were our wonderful teachers! Better luck next year students!

The zone swimming list will go up soon on the PDHPE noticeboard and permission notes will be given to all students who have qualified to progress to the zone carnival.

**Miss Smith**

**Sports Organiser**
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education and Communities, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), will have access to data from across the State and will run a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research will look at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by Friday 27 February.


Tim. C. Jones  
Principal

Dr Jenny Donovan  
General Manager

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation  
Dunheved Campus

February 2015
If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Friday 27 February 2015.

I (print name) ................................................................. DO NOT give consent
for my child/children (print name/s) .................................................................
of roll class/es ....................... to participate in the *Tell Them From Me*
student feedback survey.

Signed...................................................... Date.................................
Will the school be able to identify my child from their responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from the survey responses. The data will be securely stored, and the results will be compiled into a summary report that will not identify any individual student. The information collected will be used for research purposes only and will not be shared with any third parties, including government agencies or other educational institutions.

What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

The Education Statistics and Evaluation (ESE) team will conduct statistical analysis to summarize the results of the survey. The analysis will be used to inform policy decisions and improve educational programs at the school level. The results will not be shared with third parties or used for any other purpose.

Can all school students participate in the survey?

Yes, all students in participating schools will have the opportunity to participate in the survey. Participation is voluntary, and students will not be identified in any way. The survey will be conducted online, and students will be able to participate at a time that is convenient for them.

How are schools selected to take part?

The Education Statistics and Evaluation (ESE) team has selected schools based on a variety of factors, including school size, location, and program type. The survey participation rate is approximately 90%. If your child’s school was not selected, they will not be able to participate in the survey.

From Me & My child

What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey is designed to be easy to use, and students will be able to complete it in approximately 10 minutes. The survey will be conducted online, and students will be able to participate at a time that is convenient for them. The survey is anonymous, and no personal information will be collected.

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The data collected from the survey will be used to improve educational programs at the school level. The results will be shared with school principals and school staff to help inform educational decisions.

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Year 7 2016
Information Evening
Wednesday 4th March 2015

Chifley College Dunheved Campus caters for the academic, cultural, physical and spiritual development of students in the context of family, friends and community.

Teaching programs are aimed at growing young people as responsible and productive learners, citizens and leaders. The success of our progressive Literacy and Numeracy programs is evident by a Director General Achievement Award in 2010 and an Excellence in Education Award for Outstanding Achievement- Stage 4 Enrichment Program in 2011. Building on this excellent work, in 2015 the school established an Enrichment Class for Stage 4.

Our students engage with learning in an innovative and supportive environment with interactive whiteboard technology in air-conditioned classrooms, state of the art technology rooms, multimedia conferencing facilities, modern technology based two-storey library, expansive grounds and extensive sporting facilities. Our highly accomplished and experienced teachers are committed to ongoing rigorous professional training and development each year. Teachers know our students well and encourage initiative, personal responsibility and self-regulated learning.

We are particularly proud of our partnerships with parents, local businesses, employment agencies and tertiary institutions. We offer unique programs that give students access to university mentoring programs, employment and TAFE courses. Students receive the advantage of increased vocational skills and hands-on learning experiences. Students attending Dunheved then have the choice of attending the Senior Campus, which is a modern, purpose built campus, situated next to Mt Druitt TAFE, or, Bidwill High School.

Staff will be available on the evening to speak about the school, subjects and speciality programs we offer. The evening will also include a tour of the school’s outstanding facilities. We look forward to seeing you.

Location:
Chifley College Dunheved Campus
120 Maple Road North St Marys
School Library