

SAMPLE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Research Title:

(1) What is the study about?

(2) Who is carrying out the study?

The study is being conducted by *[INSERT name and position]* and *[if appropriate]* will form the basis for the degree of *[insert degree undertaken]* at Sydney College of Divinity under the supervision of *[name of supervisor and position]*

(3) What does the study involve?

(Describe the study in lay terms, i.e. audio/video taping, questionnaires, surveys, focus groups, interviews, etc.)

(4) How much time will the study take?

(Time needed to complete questionnaire/surveys, time allocated to conduct interviews/focus groups)

(5) Can I withdraw from the study?

Being in this study is completely voluntary—you are not under any obligation to participate. In addition, you may withdraw at any time.

OR

Your decision whether or not to permit your child to participate will not prejudice you or your child's future relations with the Sydney College of Divinity. If you decide to permit your child to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue your child's participation at any time without prejudice.

(6) Will anyone else know the results?

All aspects of the study, including results, will be strictly confidential and only the researchers will have access to information on participants *[INSERT the phrase "except as required by law", if applicable to the study]*. *[INSERT the sentence "A report of the study may be submitted for publication, but individual participants will not be identifiable in such a report.", if applicable to the study]*

(7) What are the expected benefits of the study? Is there any risk to me in participating?

(8) Can I tell other people about the study?

(9) What if I require further information?

When you have read this information, *[INSERT name of investigator]* will discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact *[INSERT names, positions, email address and phone numbers]*.

(10) What if I have a complaint or concerns?

Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of a research study is welcome to contact the Dean, Sydney College of Divinity: Phone (02) 9889 1969 Email dean@scd.edu.au

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