

Key Hints for Independent Schools



Follow school processes to approve participation – in a majority of cases this will require sign off by the school Principal.



Ensure researchers provide Ethics Approval information – this means their project has been considered by a formal Ethics Committee.



Engage with the research description – when doing so consider the relevance of the research, connection to your school aims, and the degree of school commitment and resourcing required. Do not hesitate to ask as many questions as needed of the researchers.



Review consent information – information about risk and impact will be included in consent documentation. Ensure that researchers include an option for withdrawal from the project, along with specific details of whether you and your school would be identified or not.



Consider collaboration and learning – be a research partner as well as research participant.



Identify research questions – work with the researchers to identify additional research questions you might want answered and discuss with the research team. This might involve you also conducting research alongside your research partner, with their support.



Consider staff as co-researchers – if appropriate and beneficial, you may consider staff participating as co-researchers. This would provide a powerful capacity building opportunity and bring additional resources to the research project.



Share – work with researchers to develop a strategy for regularly sharing knowledge gained from the research to stakeholders through the project and at its conclusion. Consider collaborating on these outputs.