

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to participate in this research study. The study aims to understand how assessment practices manifest in teachers' classroom practices and the contributing factors that influence these practices.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being conducted by Dr Dennis Alonzo (Chief Investigator), Dr Karen Maras (Principal Investigator), and Jessica Slater (Student Investigator).

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is okay for you to take part. The research study is looking to recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Accredited teacher in Creative Arts, English or Science (if accredited across multiple, choose the subject you are currently teaching. If multiple, choose one)
- Currently teaching students from years 7 -12 in an NSW high school
- Currently recognised within NSW through NESA as accredited, proficient, or highly proficient
- Currently employed full-time or part-time in an NSW high school

Participants who meet the following criteria will be excluded from the study:

- Currently teaching only Kindergarten – Year 6
- Currently teaching outside of NSW
- Do not teach Creative Arts, English or Science

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you do not want to participate, you do not have to. If you decide to participate and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the study at any stage.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Sign and return the consent form if you decide to participate in the study;
- Keep a copy of this form with you.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are any risks involved?

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete the following research procedures.

Survey: First is an online questionnaire asking you to answer questions about your conceptualisations of assessment theory, your beliefs, experiences, and opinions of assessment theory, and the manifestation of assessment theory in education policy and teaching frameworks. You will be asked to complete this survey on one occasion. The survey should take approximately 40 minutes to complete. After you have completed the online survey, you will be asked if you would like to register your interest to participate in the Phase 2 Online Interviews. You will be asked to provide your contact details and be provided with a link to a copy of the Online Interview PISCF. You can consent to participate by providing your digital signature before exiting the online survey or by sending your signed interview PISCS form to the research team (see section 11 below).

Interview: If you provided consent after completing the online survey, you will be asked at a later date and time to participate in an online video interview where you will be asked questions about your

conceptualisations of assessment theory, your beliefs, experiences, and opinions of assessment theory, and the manifestation of assessment theory in education policy and teaching frameworks. The interview will take approximately 40 minutes and will take place on Zoom. With your permission, the research team would like to record the interview in audio. If you do not wish to be recorded but would like to participate, advise the research team, and written notes will be taken.

Difficulty with Questions: You may feel that some of the questions we ask are difficult to answer. If you do not wish to answer a question, you may skip it and go to the next question or stop immediately. If you become upset as a result of your participation in the research project, the research team will be able to arrange for counselling or other appropriate support. Alternatively, the number for a free contactable support service is included in section 9. Any counselling or support will be provided by qualified staff who are not members of the research team. This counselling will be provided free of charge.

6. What are the possible benefits of participation?

We hope to use the information we get from this research study to develop a greater awareness and appreciation of the reality of assessment practices within NSW secondary classrooms compared to what is depicted in recent literature and assessment policy. This will provide the basis for clarifying and resolving the disjunction between assessment and pedagogy, which has been shown to compromise student learning.

7. What will happen to information about me?

By signing the consent form, you consent to the research team collecting and using information about you for the research study.

The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for a minimum of 5 years after the publication of the research results.

The information about you will be stored in a re-identifiable format where any identifiers such as your name, address, and date of birth will be replaced with a unique code."

You will be asked to provide your consent for the research team to share or use the information collected from you in future research that will be specific to the aims of this research.

You can withdraw your consent to share your data for future research purposes at any time by closing the questionnaire. See section 8 for further details.

Your information will only be shared in a format that will not identify you.

- Information collected from you will be stored electronically on a UNSW password-protected OneDrive only accessible to approved research investigators.
- Audio recordings will be stored on a UNSW password-protected OneDrive and accessible only to the approved research investigators.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/or report the results of the research. All Information will be published in a way that will not identify you.

If you would like to receive a copy of the results, you can let the research team know by inserting your email or mailing address in the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire, however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

10. What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please get in touch with the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	UNSW Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	6433

11. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact Details

Name	Jessica Slater
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Chief Investigator

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Consent Form – Participant Providing Own Consent**Declaration by the participant**

- ☐ I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- ☐ I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand;
- ☐ I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the study;
- ☐ I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
- ☐ I have had an opportunity to ask questions, and I am satisfied with the answers I have received;
- ☐ I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study, and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- ☐ I understand that I will be given a signed copy of this document to keep.
- ☐ I understand that the results of the research will be made available on the UNSW School of Education website;
- ☐ I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Participant Signature

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

Declaration by Researcher*

- ☐ I have verbally explained the research study, its activities, and its risks, and I believe that the participant understood that explanation.

Researcher Signature*

Name of Researcher (please print)	
Signature of Researcher	
Date	

*An appropriately qualified member of the research team must provide an explanation of and information concerning the research study.

Note: All parties signing the consent section must date their own signature.

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PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM <i>Conceptualisations of Assessment: Teachers' Perspective Versus Theoretical Evidence</i> <i>Dr Dennis Alonzo</i>	

Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in this research study described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The University of New South Wales.

- ☐ I am withdrawing my consent and I understand that any information already published and/or not linked to my identity cannot be withdrawn from the research.
- ☐ I am withdrawing my consent to participate in further components of this research and provide my permission for the research team to retain and use information collected about me, which I have provided for the purpose of this research.

Participant Name

Name of Participant (please type)	
Date	

The section for Withdrawal of Participation should be forwarded to:

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