

School library research project Survey information sheet for school staff (May, 2024)

Tēnā koe

He aha tēnei kaupapa? **What is this study about?**

The School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa Te Puna Whare Mātauranga a Kura (SLANZA) and the National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa (National Library) want to know more about the library spaces, resources, and services that schools provide or access. They have asked The New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER) to do some research, which includes a survey of school staff who provide library services.

We would value your participation in the survey, however it is voluntary. The information you share is very important as it will help the National Library and SLANZA:

- develop an accurate picture of the school library landscape and the challenges in providing school library services
- support schools with advocacy and services that are designed to strengthen literacy, learning, and wellbeing outcomes as well as increasing equity for all young New Zealanders
- provide an evidence base to help inform schools' decision-making about effective library services.

He aha tā mātou tono ki a koe? **What are we asking you to do?**

We invite you to complete a short survey about your school's approaches to library spaces, resources, and services. This survey has about 20 questions and should take about 10-15 minutes.

To show our thanks for your participation, all school staff who do the survey will go into one of three draws for an NZCER publication of their choice.

As well as this survey, later in the year we will be inviting six case study schools of differing contexts to share their experiences with us.

Matatika me te matatapu **Ethics and confidentiality**

Completing the survey is voluntary. No individual school staff, students, or schools will be named in any reporting from this study. The data that is collected as part of this study will be held on a secure server and deleted after three years. Only members of the NZCER project team will have access to the data.

Ka pēhea tā mātou whakamahi i ngā mōhiotanga? **How will we use the information?**

Findings from this study will be used to write a short report for SLANZA and the National Library. We may also use the data to help us select case study schools. The survey dataset will be provided to the National Library after any details that might identify schools or individuals have been removed. We will send schools a short summary of the main findings.

Ka aha ahau i muri mai? **What do I do next?**

If you agree to take part in this survey, please fill in the survey by following the link in the email you received. If you want more information, please contact Sue McDowall: sue.mcdowall@nzcer.org.nz

Kia ora, and many thanks for your help.

The NZCER research team