

| The research is being carried out in partial fulfilment of a Doctor of Philosophy under the supervision of Dr Kate O'Connor and Dr Nathaniel Swain. The following researcher will be conducting the study: Jacqueline Magee. |                                                                       |                     |
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| Role                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Name                                                                  | Organisation        |
| Chief Investigator                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Dr Kate O'Connor                                                      | School of Education |
| Co-Investigator                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Dr Nathaniel Swain                                                    | School of Education |
| Student Researcher                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Jacqueline Magee                                                      | School of Education |
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## 1. What is the study about?

You are invited to participate in a study of knowledge-rich curriculum and curriculum practices in Australian primary schools. We hope to learn about how Australian primary school teachers understand the term "knowledge-rich curriculum" and the extent to which this is reflected in their own practice. We are also interested in learning more about primary teachers' perspectives on curriculum-related influences on their instructional practice and other key aspects of their work.

We are distributing this survey via a range of networks for anonymous completion.

## 2. Do I have to participate?

Being part of this study is voluntary. If you want to be part of the study, we ask that you read the information below carefully.

You can read the information below and decide at the end if you do not want to participate. If you decide not to participate, this won't affect your relationship with La Trobe University or any other listed organisation.

## 3. Who is eligible to participate?

You are eligible to participate if:

- You are an Australian primary school teacher (teaching any year level from Prep – Year 6).
- You are currently teaching or on leave for one year or less.

## 4. What will I be asked to do?

If you want to take part in this study, we will ask you to complete a short online survey containing both multiple-choice and open response items. It will take approximately 20 minutes of your time to complete the survey.

## 5. What are the benefits?

The benefit of you taking part in this study is that it will help us to develop a deeper understanding of primary teachers' understanding of the term "knowledge-rich curriculum", the factors that influence teachers' curriculum making in primary school contexts, and teachers' perspectives about other aspects of their work.

The expected benefits to society in general include the development of a clearer understanding of what it means to take a knowledge-rich approach in the context of Australian primary schools, and primary teachers' perspectives about their use of specific curriculum resources and other aspects of their work. This information may directly inform the work of those involved in the study into the future, as well as the work of members of the broader education community interested knowledge-rich approaches to teaching and learning.

## 6. What are the risks?

With any study there are (1) risks we know about, (2) risks we don't know about, and (3) risks we don't expect. If you experience something that you aren't sure about, please contact us immediately so we can discuss the best way to manage your concerns.

| Name/Organisation                     | Position           | Telephone    | Email                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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We have listed the risks we know about below. This will help you decide if you want to be part of the study.

- 1. Inadvertent disclosure of identity.** The survey includes some open-ended questions. There is a risk that your responses to open-ended items could inadvertently share information that identifies you individually, or that identifies your school. While the research team will seek to identify and remove any information you provide that could identify you individually, it is still possible that your responses could identify the school you work at.

## 7. What will happen to information about me?

By clicking on the 'I agree, start survey' button, this tells us you want to take part in the study.

We will **collect** information about you in ways that will not reveal who you are.

We will **store** information about you in ways that will not reveal who you are.

We will **publish** information about you in ways that will not be identified in any type of publication from this study.

We will **keep** your information for 5 years after the project is completed. After this time, we will destroy all of your data.

The storage, transfer and destruction of your data will be undertaken in accordance with the [Research Data Management Policy](https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/) <https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/>.

The personal information you provide will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws, any health information collected will be handled in accordance with the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Subject to any exceptions in relevant laws, you have the right to access and correct your personal information by contacting the research team.

## 8. Will I hear about the results of the study?

We will let you know about the results of the study by seeking to publish the results of the research in academic journals in due course, as well as producing a PhD thesis that will be publicly available online.

## 9. What if I change my mind?

If you no longer want to complete the survey, simply close the web browser. If you change your mind after clicking on the 'Submit' button, we cannot withdraw your responses because we cannot link who you are with your survey responses.

Your decision to withdraw at any point will **not** affect your relationship with La Trobe University or any other organisation listed.

## 10. Who can I contact for questions or want more information?

If you would like to speak to us, please use the contact details below:

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| Jacqueline Magee, La Trobe University | Student researcher |              | <a href="mailto:J.MAGEE@latrobe.edu.au">J.MAGEE@latrobe.edu.au</a>           |
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## 11. What if I have a complaint?

If you have a complaint about any part of this study, please contact:

| Ethics Reference Number | Position                       | Telephone       | Email                                                                      |
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| HEC24500                | Senior Research Ethics Officer | +61 3 9479 1443 | <a href="mailto:humanethics@latrobe.edu.au">humanethics@latrobe.edu.au</a> |