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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act) received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 9 May 2022, in which you sought access to the following:

Copies of School Satisfaction and Climate Survey, including free text comments, for Telopea Park School in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

The Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application by 8 June 2022. On 7 June you agreed to an extension of four working days to 15 June. Thank you for your consideration. Your accommodation of the requested extension is appreciated.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant records and 11 records were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have decided to grant full access to all records. They are provided at [Attachment A](#).

Additional information

It may assist your consideration of the records released to be aware of the following:

- There are two parts to the survey. The first is a school climate module that forms part of a longitudinal study conducted in partnership with researchers at the Australian National University. School climate focuses on issues such as school identification and relationships. The second part measures general satisfaction.
- Over time the surveys have changed and there has been some variation in questions and themes from year to year, for example, loneliness, family support and COVID have been in focus at different times.
- The roles and relationship between ANU and the Directorate has changed over time. At times the survey was conducted by ANU with little involvement from the Directorate. Thus, ANU holds most of the information for some years, notably 2017.

- Prior to 2018 the climate component was conducted by the ANU and the satisfaction component was conducted by the Directorate.
- A report is provided for each focus area for 2017-2020 with the exception of student wellbeing which covers the period 2018-2020. I am advised that there were some scale issues in the 2017 data which resulted in it not being directly comparable to more recent data.
- An analysis of aggregated open-text information is available for 2019 only. Open-text information was not collected in 2018 or 2020.

Charges

There is no charge associated with this request, as it is less than 50 pages.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Information about your request, my decision and records released to you in response to your access application will be published in the Directorate’s disclosure log between three and 10 working days after a decision on access has been provided to you. Your personal information will not be published.

You may view the Directorate’s disclosure log at

https://www.education.act.gov.au/about_us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in the Directorate’s disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the Directorate's FOI team on 02 6205 0720 or email EducationFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Paula Murray
Information Officer
15 June 2022