

# Taren Sanders

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## Education

### Doctor of Philosophy

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

2016

- Thesis: Investigating associations between neighbourhood green space and weight status: A longitudinal study of Australian children aged 4 to 13 years old.

### Master of Data Science (Applied)

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

2022

### Bachelor of Health Science (Honours; First Class)

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

2012

- Thesis: Measuring adolescent boys' physical activity: Bout length and the influence of accelerometer epoch length.

### Bachelor of Health Science (PDHPE)

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

2011

## Employment History

### Program Leader

INSTITUTE FOR POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION, AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

2021–Current

- Drive the strategic direction and focus of the research program
- Support academic and professional staff, as well as higher-degree students, within the program
- Provide input as a member of the Institute Executive Management Committee on Institute priorities, and advocate for my research program
- Developed and implemented new project management processes, including making agile management strategies standard practice.

### Deputy Program Leader

INSTITUTE FOR POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION, AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

2017–2021

- Supported Program Leader to manage the research program

### Research Fellow

INSTITUTE FOR POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION, AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

2016–Current

- Conduct original, high-impact, and translational research in the areas of health, education, and psychology.
- Oversee the development, evaluation, and management of multiple large-scale school-based research projects (e.g., iPLAY; 180 schools).
- Conduct analyses of primary and secondary data, and provided statistical support to colleagues including statistics workshops.
- Work with industry partners (NSW Department of Education, NSW Health, Sport Australia) to provide project updates and seek input.
- Author academic and non-academic outputs, including journal articles, grant applications, stakeholder reports, and data visualisations.
- Mentor doctoral and honours students, including reviewing and evaluating their analyses and writing.

## Research Summary

Publications	Citations	h-Index	Mean CNCI	Mean Impact Factor	Funding
36	1236	18	2.2	8.5	> \$1 million

## Technical Skills

### Programming Languages

R, PYTHON, STATA, JULIA

### Software Development

R PACKAGES (INCLUDING CRAN SUBMISSION), PYTHON PACKAGES

### Statistical Methods

MACHINE LEARNING, MULTILEVEL MODELLING, INTERVENTION EVALUATION, META-ANALYSES

### Research Methods

STUDY DESIGN, INTERVENTION DEVELOPMENT, ETHICS AND RECRUITMENT

## Selected Publications

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For a full list of publications see my full CV ([bit.ly/SandersCV](https://bit.ly/SandersCV)).

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Antczak, D., Lonsdale, C., del Pozo Cruz, B., Parker, P., & **Sanders, T.** (2021). Reliability of GENEActiv accelerometers to estimate sleep, physical activity, and sedentary time in children. *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, 18(1), 73. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12966-021-01143-6> | Citations: 3; JIF: 8.9; CNCI: 1

Noetel, M., Griffith, S., Delaney, O., Harris, N. R., **Sanders, T.**, Parker, P., del Pozo Cruz, B., & Lonsdale, C. (2021). Multimedia Design for Learning: An Overview of Reviews With Meta-Analysis. *Review of Educational Research*. <https://doi.org/10.3102/00346543211052329> | JIF: 13.6

Lee, J., **Sanders, T.**, Antczak, D., Parker, R., Noetel, M., Parker, P., & Lonsdale, C. (2021). Influences on User Engagement in Online Professional Learning: A Narrative Synthesis and Meta-Analysis. *Review of Educational Research*, 91(4), 518–576. <https://doi.org/10.3102/0034654321997918> | Citations: 3; JIF: 13.6; CNCI: 2

Lonsdale, C., **Sanders, T.**, Parker, P., Noetel, M., Hartwig, T., Vasconcellos, D., Lee, J., Antczak, D., Kirwan, M., Morgan, P., Salmon, J., Moodie, M., McKay, H., Bennie, A., Plotnikoff, R. C., Cinelli, R., Greene, D., Peralta, L., Cliff, D., ... Lubans, D. R. (2021). Effect of a Scalable School-Based Intervention on Cardiorespiratory Fitness in Children: A Cluster Randomized Clinical Trial. *JAMA Pediatrics*, 175(7), 680. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamapediatrics.2021.0417> | Citations: 9; JIF: 26.8; CNCI: 4.5

Noetel, M., Griffith, S., Delaney, O., **Sanders, T.**, Parker, P., del Pozo Cruz, B., & Lonsdale, C. (2021). Video Improves Learning in Higher Education: A Systematic Review. *Review of Educational Research*, 91(2), 204–236. <https://doi.org/10.3102/0034654321990713> | Citations: 10; JIF: 13.6; CNCI: 3.3

Hartwig, T. B., **Sanders, T.**, Vasconcellos, D., Noetel, M., Parker, P. D., Lubans, D. R., Andrade, S., Ávila-García, M., Bartholomew, J., Belton, S., Brooks, N. E., Bugge, A., Caverio-Redondo, I., Christiansen, L. B., Cohen, K., Coppinger, T., Dyrstad, S., Errisuriz, V., Fairclough, S., ... del Pozo Cruz, B. (2021). School-based interventions modestly increase physical activity and cardiorespiratory fitness but are least effective for youth who need them most: An individual participant pooled analysis of 20 controlled trials. *British Journal of Sports Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bjsports-2020-102740> | Citations: 14; JIF: 18.5; CNCI: 3.8

Antczak, D., Lonsdale, C., Lee, J., Hilland, T., Duncan, M. J., del Pozo Cruz, B., Hulteen, R. M., Parker, P. D., & **Sanders, T.** (2020). Physical activity and sleep are inconsistently related in healthy children: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Sleep Medicine Reviews*, 51, 101278. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.smr.2020.101278> | Citations: 17; JIF: 11.4; CNCI: 1.3

Vella, S. A., Swann, C., Boydell, K. M., Eckermann, S., Fogarty, A., Hurley, D., Liddle, S. K., Lonsdale, C., **Sanders, T.**, Schweickle, M. J., Telenta, J., & Deane, F. P. (2019). Sports-based mental health promotion in Australia: Formative evaluation. *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*, 45, 101560. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psychsport.2019.101560> | Citations: 7; JIF: 5.1; CNCI: 0.8

**Sanders, T.**, Parker, P. D., del Pozo-Cruz, B., Noetel, M., & Lonsdale, C. (2019). Type of screen time moderates effects on outcomes in 4013 children: Evidence from the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children. *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, 16(1), 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12966-019-0881-7> | Citations: 45; JIF: 8.9; CNCI: 4.2

**Sanders, T.**, Feng, X., Fahey, P. P., Lonsdale, C., & Astell-Burt, T. (2015). The influence of neighbourhood green space on children's physical activity and screen time: Findings from the longitudinal study of Australian children. *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, 12(1), 126. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12966-015-0288-z> | Citations: 52; JIF: 8.9; CNCI: 2.5

### BOOK CHAPTERS

Parker, P., Guo, J., & **Sanders, T.** (2019). Socioeconomic Inequality and Student Outcomes in Australia. In L. Volante, S. V. Schnepf, J. Jerrim, & D. A. Klinger (Eds.), *Socioeconomic Inequality and Student Outcomes: Cross-National Trends, Policies, and Practices* (pp. 189–204). Springer Singapore. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-13-9863-6\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-13-9863-6_11)