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### STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT

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1. **RESEARCHER:** Professor Michael Platow from the Australian National University's Research School of Psychology is leading this research.

2. **PROJECT TITLE:** University Identity, Attitudes toward Studying, and Subjective Well-Being

3. **GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE PROJECT:**

- **Description and Methodology:** This study is being conducted by a researcher at the Australian National University. This is a short psychological study (20 - 30 minutes duration) that seeks to understand how university students view themselves and their approaches to studying, as well as how they currently feel about themselves.
- **Participants:** A minimum of 200 first-year ANU Psychology students are being sought.
- **Use of Data and Feedback:** The results may also be reported in published journal articles, book chapters and/or professional conference. If you would like to find out about the results, you can go to this web page where we will post a brief summary of what we found by December 2022:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/k9qoawv8qd8cgwx/University%20Identity%2C%20Attitudes%20toward%20Studying%20Being.docx?dl=0>

- **Project Funding:** This research is funded by the Australian National University's Research School of Psychology.

4. **PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal:** Your participation is voluntary. You are free to withdraw without penalty at any time before submitting your questionnaire. You may also decline to answer some questions while still responding to others. You may withdraw by turning off your computer or closing your web browser. Due to the anonymous nature of the data, it is not possible to withdraw results once you have submitted the study. In the event of withdrawal, your data will be destroyed as soon as practically possible. If you have been invited to participate as part of a course activity, then please note that you can choose to complete an alternative activity for your course; your choice will have no bearing on your course grade.

- **What Does Participation Entail?** The questionnaire should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. There are several different sets of questions. Some questions will ask you to rate how you identify at university; other questions will ask you about your attitudes and approaches to university study; other questions will ask you how you have been feeling in the past couple of weeks; some questions will ask you about some of your typical behaviours; and a final set of questions will ask you things like your age and gender identification. You are advised not use the 'back' button on your browser and not to close your window as this could cause technical difficulties. Please give your honest opinion when responding.
- **Location and Duration:** Participation is online and has a duration of approximately 15 - 20 minutes.
- **Remuneration:** This is being offered through the ANU Research School of Psychology Research in Psychology Experience and, as such, you can receive course credit for your participation as stipulated in your course handbook. For this study, the course credit you will receive is 0.50% of your final course mark.
- **Risks:** There are no known risks involved with participation. The research methods are based on a large body of previously published work. If you do find that some questions make you feel uncomfortable, please contact the ANU Counselling Centre (6125 2211; <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/health-safety-wellbeing/getting-help-at-anu/anu-counselling>), Lifeline (13 11 14; <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>), or seek support through online services such as MoodGym (<https://moodgym.com.au/>).
- **Benefits:** The benefit of participating in this research is that it will contribute to our understanding of students' identities, study behaviours and feelings. We hope that this will benefit both the discipline of psychology as well as educators more broadly to identify and create better ways of supporting university students.

## 5. CONFIDENTIALITY, DATA STORAGE AND PRIVACY:

- **Confidentiality:** Your data will remain confidential to the researcher as far as possible. Any personal details you provide will not be given to any other third-party. However, in accord with current professional scientific best-practice, anonymous data may be posted on publically-accessible web pages (e.g., <https://osf.io/>). Please be reassured that there will be no way other people will be able to identify you from the data that will be posted on these web pages.
- **Privacy Notice:** Australian privacy law and regulations require that participants be made aware of how the Australian National University (ANU) handles your private information. In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at [https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP\\_010007](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_010007). The ANU Privacy Policy contains information about how a person can: (a) Access or seek correction to their personal information, and (b) Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint. Please e-mail Michael Platow ([Michael.Platow@anu.edu.au](mailto:Michael.Platow@anu.edu.au)) should you require more information.

## 6. DATA STORAGE:

- **Where and How Long?** Electronic data will be stored on secure computers in locked offices in the ANU Research School of Psychology. Electronic data will be stored for 5 years. After this point, they will be

destroyed. As noted above, anonymous data may be shared with other researchers directly or through depositing in online repositories after publication; critically, these online repositories have no end-date, so storage on these sites will be permanent.

## 7. QUERIES AND CONCERNS:

- **Contact Details for More Information:** All questions regarding this research can be sent to Michael Platow (Michael.Platow@anu.edu.au; (02) 6125 8457). He will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.
- **Ethics Committee Clearance:** The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2022/038). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact: Ethics Manager, The ANU Human Research Ethics Committee, The Australian National University, Telephone: +61 2 6125 3427, Email: Human.Ethics.Officer@anu.edu.au.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet. If you have read and understood this information sheet and therefore provide your informed consent to participation in this research, please indicate this below before continuing to the next page.**

☐ I have read the above Statement of Informed Consent and agree to participate in this study.

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