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National survey of parents on education launched

Parents get to have their say on what they really care about when it comes to education, including funding, with the launch of one of the most comprehensive surveys of its kind in Australia.

The Australian Parents Council (APC) survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q32ZQ22>) aims to gauge parent sentiment on a range of current education issues, including the implementation and impact on families of changes to school funding. Questions also cover teacher quality, individual education for every child, testing, stress, technology, bullying and more.

"This is one of the most comprehensive parent to parent survey's on education issues ever undertaken in Australia," explains APC President Shelley Hill.

"We hear a lot about what parents care about from everybody else, but this is a chance for the real voice of real parents to be heard, and we encourage every parent to have their say, wherever their children are being educated.

"APC along with its state and territory affiliate parent organisations, believe it is vitally important that genuine voices of parents are heard, on the full range of education issues, especially with a federal election looming.

"The survey is also a chance to ask parents what the impact of funding changes might be on their family. Many parents who send their children to Catholic and independent schools want to know more about how the new assessment system using parent tax data is going to work and have legitimate concerns about fairness, accuracy and privacy. So we've also included this in our survey.

"We've consistently called for parents to be part of the discussion on funding changes, and the findings of our poll will add a genuine parent perspective to help make sure parent concerns are addressed. Parents are, after all, the biggest stakeholders and need to be confident in any new method assessing their 'capacity to contribute' to school fees," said Shelley Hill.

The poll will also look at the reasons parents choose different schools for their children.

The APC survey is open to all parents with children in pre-school, school or post school education, in Catholic, independent and government sectors. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete, but parents are welcome to add comments. All responses will remain anonymous.

APC is an apolitical, non-profit organisation representing parents of children at non-government schools and parents generally.

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