

### **What is the data linkage process?**

A unique identification number will be used to make the matching happen. Giving your permission to do this is voluntary. You can change your mind whenever you like, however, any data that has already been combined at that point is combined for good.



If you agree to have your information linked:

- The GENERATION team will provide your contact details and the names of the schools you have attended to the relevant state/territory education departments who will use your details to find your NAPLAN and senior secondary subject results over time as they become available.
- State/territory education departments will give your results (but not your contact details) to the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS), who will securely bring all the information together.
- The combined anonymous data is then given to the GENERATION team who will make the data available for academic and policy research purposes only.

*The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) is a certified data linkage authority. A data linkage authority is an organisation that has been reviewed and certified by the government as being able to perform data linkage work in a safe, secure and appropriate manner.*