

Collection Statement for the Pathways, Engagement and Transitions Survey 2026

Background and purpose

The Pathways, Engagement and Transitions Survey aims to help The Smith Family better support young people as they move into adulthood by understanding the different pathways young people might take during the senior years of school and beyond, and what might influence those pathways.

The Social Research Centre conducted the first wave of the study in 2021, with subsequent waves in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

The information collected will help The Smith Family and others such as policymakers, employers and educators to provide better services and support for young people. The information you provide will only be used for this specific purpose.

This survey should take around 10 minutes to complete. Participation in this research is voluntary. You can choose not to answer any question. You can decide to stop at any time.

Who is conducting the research?

The Social Research Centre has been engaged by The Smith Family to conduct the research.

Information held and collected

The Smith Family provided us with email addresses and phone numbers for eligible young people and their primary contact. These details will not be supplied to any third parties and will only be used for the purpose of contacting you for the research.

Disclosure and use

Your responses to questions in this survey will be provided to The Smith Family and will be combined with data that The Smith Family has collected previously. All information provided to The Smith Family will be identifiable but is protected by the Privacy Act and will be used for The Smith Family purposes only, including contacting you about future Transitions research. Your participation in the survey will not affect in any way the support you receive from The Smith Family now or in the future.

After The Smith Family receives the final survey data, the Social Research Centre will deidentify the data file on their network. Names and contact details of young people willing to be recontacted for future research will be securely stored on the Social Research Centre's servers, which are based in Australia. This information will be stored separately from the survey data and used solely for the purpose of future research.

Due to the importance of this research, The Smith Family may wish to make the survey data available to other researchers by storing an anonymous version of the data in the Australian Data Archives at Australian National University in Canberra. This data file will NOT include your name, contact details, or any other information that could identify you.

Other matters

The Social Research Centre fully complies with the Australian Privacy Principles and all applicable privacy legislation. Our privacy policy contains general information on how the Social Research Centre protects your privacy rights. It also contains information about how we secure your data, how you can make a privacy-related complaint, access and correction of your information, and the general circumstances under which your information may be disclosed to overseas recipients.