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## **INFORMATION SHEET** **For** ***QuickSmart* Student** **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Research Project: *QuickSmart* in Schools**

My name is Prof. John Pegg, the Director of the SiMERR National Research Centre. SiMERR is a research centre for issues in education at the University of New England, in Armidale NSW.

You have been selected by your school to take part in a QuickSmart program. We wish to invite you to take part also in our research project, *QuickSmart* in Schools.

Thank you for considering this request. This Information Sheet answers some key questions about taking part in the research. You may contact us at any time to discuss any questions you have.

What is the aim of the research?	The research project studies the effectiveness of <i>QuickSmart</i> programs to support school students improve their basic skills in literacy and/or numeracy.
What will taking part in the research mean for you?	Taking part means: 1. We will collect your test results for our analysis and reporting. 2. You may choose to complete a survey of your thoughts on <i>QuickSmart</i> . Completing the Assent Form and the Evaluation Survey should take no more than thirty minutes.

What information will be collected?	We will collect: 1. The computer OZCAAS tests and the standardised written tests that you undertake at the beginning and again at the end of your involvement in the <i>QuickSmart</i> program. 2. A survey of your thoughts on <i>QuickSmart</i> .
How will the information be used?	We will use the information we collect for reports and publications.
Will my name be made public?	We will not use your name in the reports and publication. The research will not report on the results of any individual student but only on groups of students. Any quotations from the surveys will be anonymous or under a false name.
Do I have to take part?	You do not have to take part in this research. You may choose not to take part or to withdraw at any time without explanation. You may continue in your <i>QuickSmart</i> lessons without taking part in the research project.
How do I choose to take part?	To take part in the study your parents or caregivers complete the Consent Form and you complete the Assent form and return them to your school's <i>QuickSmart</i> Coordinator _____.
How do I choose not to take part?	If you do not want to take part in this study DO NOT complete the Assent Form.
Who will know I am taking part?	Only the school's <i>QuickSmart</i> Coordinator and the SiMERR research team will know you are taking part.
What will happen to my information?	We will keep all your information securely locked within our research office or password protected on the <i>QuickSmart</i> database. We will keep it for at least five years after the project finishes and then destroy all copies.

Is this ethically approved?	This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No. HE16-047, Valid to 08 April, 2019).
Who are the researchers?	<p>Professor John Pegg, Director of the SiMERR National Centre, UNE, Armidale, NSW.</p> <p><i>QuickSmart</i> Research Fellows:</p> <p>Ms Lyn Alder  Dr Stefan Horarik  Ms Anne Parnell  Mr Martin Trotman</p> <p><i>QuickSmart</i> Project Officer: Mrs June Billings</p> <p>Contact us at SiMERR on 02 67735065 or at <a href="mailto:simerr@une.edu.au">simerr@une.edu.au</a></p>
What if I have a complaint?	<p>If you have any complaints about the way this research is conducted, please contact the Research Ethics Officer at:</p> <p>Research Services  University of New England  Armidale, NSW 2351  Tel: (02) 6773 3449 Fax: (02) 6773 3543  Email: <a href="mailto:ethics@une.edu.au">ethics@une.edu.au</a></p>

We hope that you find your *QuickSmart* lessons enjoyable and helpful.



Prof. J. Pegg