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INFORMATION SHEET **For Parents of** ***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 not-for-profit research centre for issues in education at the University of New England, in Armidale NSW.

Your child has been selected by his/her school to take part in a QuickSmart program. We wish to invite your child 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 your child?	Taking part means: 1. We will collect your child's test results for our analysis and reporting. 2. Your child may complete a survey of his/her 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?	<p>We will collect:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The computer OZCAAS tests and the standardised written tests that your child undertakes at the beginning and again at the end of his/her involvement in the <i>QuickSmart</i> program. 2. A survey of your child's thoughts on <i>QuickSmart</i>.
How will the information be used?	We will use the information we collect for reports and publications.
Will my child's name be made public?	We will not use your child's 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.
Does my child have to take part?	Your child does not have to take part in this research. You may choose for your child not to take part or to withdraw at any time without explanation. He/she may continue in your <i>QuickSmart</i> lessons without taking part in the research project.
How do I choose for my child to take part?	For your child to take part in the study complete the Consent Form and return it to the school's <i>QuickSmart</i> Coordinator _____.
How do I choose for my child not to take part?	If you do not want your child to take part in this study, DO NOT complete the Consent Form.
Who will know my child is taking part?	Only the school's <i>QuickSmart</i> Coordinator and the SiMERR research team will know your child is taking part.
What will happen to my child's information?	We will keep all your child's 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 67735070 or at simerr@une.edu.au</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: ethics@une.edu.au</p>

We hope that your child finds his/her *QuickSmart* lessons rewarding and helpful.



Prof. J. Pegg