Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Hallam Senior College is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). Information is being collected by schools from all around Australia and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools and will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

In our school this would mean all students who are provided additional assistance through various avenues or their curriculum has been modified. For example:

- Students identified with Additional Learning Needs
- Students who receive support through our Speech Therapy Program
- Students who qualify for funding under the Program for Students with Disabilities
- Students receiving significant Wellbeing Support

No personal or identifying information about any students will be included in the data collection however if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form included in this newsletter.

If you want to find out more about this project and the information being collected go to: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx or if you have any further questions or concerns you can contact the Principal Anne Martin or Leading Teacher Student Support Services Julie Buzasi on 9703 1266.

If you do not wish the school to include your child in the data collection please return the following slip to Julie Buzasi Student Support Services by Monday 28th July.

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Opt-out Consent Form from the National Data Collection

I have read the information in relation to the 2014 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and request that information is not to be collected on:

Student’s name: __________________________________________

Full name of Parent/Carer/Guardian(s) __________________________________________

Parent/Guardian signature: __________________________________________

Date: __________________

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