

The Role of Schools in Shaping Pākehā Teachers Views of Culture and Cultural Identity

INFORMATION SHEET FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL [FOR SCHOOL PARTICIPATION]

Thank you for your interest in this project. Please read this information before deciding whether or not your school will take part. If you decide to participate, thank you. If you decide not to take part, thank you for considering my request.

Who am I?

My name is Avery Smith and I am a Doctoral student in Te Whānau o Ako Pai ki Te Upoko o te Ika a Māui, Faculty of Education at Victoria University of Wellington. This research project is work towards my doctoral dissertation.

What is the aim of the project?

This project aims to investigate how schools may serve as sites of socialisation that shape Pākehā teachers' understanding about their own identities and that of their students. Another aim is to describe how teachers use their understanding of culture in the classroom. Your school's participation will help me learn more about these topics. This research has been approved by the Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee [27440].

How can you help?

I would like permission to carry out research with two teachers at your school for one term in 2019. I would like to invite two teachers who self-identify as Pākehā to participate in my study. I would also want to interview students in a focus group. The research would proceed as follows:

- Interview teachers twice for about an hour, at a time that is the most suitable for them. The interviews will be confidential, meaning that I will know who participated, but the identities of the participants will be protected.
- Observe the teachers in their classes, at least once a week over the course of a term.
- The teacher's interaction with students will also be observed. Written consent for individual students will be obtained from both student and parent/caregivers. Students and/or parents who do not give me their consent will not be included in the notes I take for this study. The observations will be confidential, meaning that I will know who participated, but the identities of the students will be protected.
- There will be two focus groups of students, one at the beginning of the term and one towards the end of the term. I will ask students questions that allow me to understand their perspectives on culture and cultural identity. These interviews are confidential, meaning that I will know who participated, but the identities of the participants will be protected.

What will happen to the information the participants give?

This research is confidential¹. This means that I will be aware of school name and participants' identities, but the school name and participants identities will not be revealed in any reports, presentations, or public documentation.

Only my supervisors and I will read the data, notes and transcripts of the interviews. The interview transcripts, summaries, data, and any recordings will be kept securely and destroyed on December 2024.

Because this project will take place at your school, others may know the identities of the participants of this research. For this reason, I can't assure complete confidentiality for those who participate in this study.

Participants can withdraw from the study at any time during the term. The information I have already collected I will keep, but I will not collect any new information concerning them.

What will the project produce?

The information from my research will be used in a PhD dissertation and/or academic publications and conferences.

If you have any questions or problems, who can you contact?

If you have any questions, either now or in the future, please feel free to contact:

Student:

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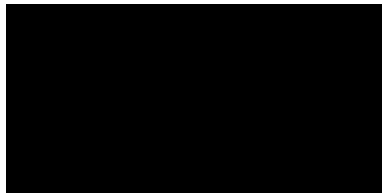
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Human Ethics Committee information

If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may contact the Convenor of the Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee: Dr Judith Loveridge, email hec@vuw.ac.nz or telephone +64-4-463

¹ **Confidentiality** will be preserved except where you disclose something that causes me to be concerned about a risk of harm to yourself and/or others.

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CONSENT FOR SCHOOL PARTICIPATION [PRINCIPAL]

This consent form will be held for *five* years.

Researcher : *Avery Smith, School of Education, Victoria University of Wellington.*

- I have read the Information Sheet and the project has been explained to me. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that I can ask further questions at any time.
- I agree to a teachers and students from this school participating in this project.

I understand that:

- My school may withdraw from this study at any point before the end of term 3, 2019. Any information I have already collected will remain, but I will not collect and further data including them.
- Because this project will take place at your school, others may know the identities of the participants of this research. For this reason, I complete confidentiality can't be assured.
- The identifiable information participants have provided will be destroyed in December 2024.
- Any information participants provide will be kept confidential to the researcher and the supervisors.
- I understand that the results will be used for a PhD dissertation and/or academic publications and/or presented at conferences.
- School name and participants' names will not be used in reports, nor will any information that would identify them.
- I would like to receive a copy of the dissertation and have added my email address below. Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature of Principal: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Name of School: _____

Date: _____

Contact details: _____