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We are a team of researchers from the School of Psychology, Victoria University of Wellington and we are inviting young people and their parents/caregivers to participate in a research project which is interested in people's understanding of children and young people's legal rights in New Zealand.

There are two parts to this research project:

- Part One is interested in **young people's** (aged 10 to 18 years) understanding and knowledge of their legal rights.
- Part Two is interested in **parent's/caregiver's** understanding and knowledge of their child's legal rights and police questioning practices.

Enclosed is the information and consent forms for both Part One and Part Two of this research project. These information sheets will help parents/caregivers and young people choose whether they would like to take part in this research.

A parent/caregiver can choose to participate in Part Two of this research without their child participating in Part One of this research. It is also fine if the young person chooses to participate in Part One of this research without having a parent participant in Part Two of this study. However, if both the young person and their parents/caregivers choose to take part in this study, we will link their data together (but without telling you what each other said). No previous study has looked at the relationship between parents and their children's understanding of the legal rights in New Zealand.

For Part One of this study, we are looking for students at intermediate and high schools in New Zealand, who are between the ages of 10 to 18 years, have English as their first language and have no pre-identified intellectual disabilities. If this includes you, and you decide to participate in this study after reading the information sheets, please sign the consent form and return it to your/your child's school. Children and young people under the age of 16 need parental consent to take part. Young people 16 years and older can give their own consent.

All participants will receive a koha, e.g. a movie or supermarket voucher, to thank them for their time.

Thank you for your time.

This research has been approved by the School of Psychology Human Ethics Committee under delegated authority of Victoria University of Wellington's Human Ethics Committee (Project # 27451).