Thursday 7 March, 2013

PARENT MEMO re: ACER Yr 6 Science Trial

Dear Yr 6 Parent/Guardian

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is conducting research to gather trial testing data in the assessment of Science.

The trial will involve students undertaking approximately 20-30 items from a test booklet, in a single session of about 35–55 minutes in length. Some questions will be in a multiple choice format and some questions will have a more open constructed response format.

The trial involves the collection of student test response data to assist in the development of new assessment materials. The participation of your child and the students at your child’s school will assist the education community.

This research has been approved by the ACER Ethics Committee. Be assured no identification of the school, its teachers or your child will be made public in any report. Details of ACER’s privacy policy can be found on the website at http://www.acer.edu.au.

The Jubilee School Leadership Team and the Yr 6 Teachers have agreed to take part in this trial, as it will provide useful information for the development of future science assessment materials that may benefit our own students and many others. However, as always, you have the right as parents/carers regarding the participation of your child in such an activity. If you would prefer that your child not take part, please advise us in writing by this Monday 11 March.

Yours sincerely

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