

Appendix A – Human Research Ethics Committee Approval

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Human Research Ethics Committee

Committee Approval Form

Principal Investigator/Supervisor: Dr Judith Mulholland Brisbane Campus

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Ethics approval has been granted for the following project:

An explanatory study of subject selection choices between academic and vocational education subjects at Year 10 level in secondary schools in Queensland: A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis. (Accident or Intent: The Choice between academic and vocational education subjects).

for the period: 20 December 2007 to 31 December 2008

Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) Register Number: Q200708 8

The following standard conditions as stipulated in the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans* (2007) apply:

- (i) that Principal Investigators / Supervisors provide, on the form supplied by the Human Research Ethics Committee, annual reports on matters such as:
 - security of records
 - compliance with approved consent procedures and documentation
 - compliance with special conditions, and
- (ii) that researchers report to the HREC immediately any matter that might affect the ethical acceptability of the protocol, such as:
 - proposed changes to the protocol
 - unforeseen circumstances or events
 - adverse effects on participants

The HREC will conduct an audit each year of all projects deemed to be of more than low risk. There will also be random audits of a sample of projects considered to be of negligible risk and low risk on all campuses each year.

Within one month of the conclusion of the project, researchers are required to complete a *Final Report Form* and submit it to the local Research Services Officer.

If the project continues for more than one year, researchers are required to complete an *Annual Progress Report Form* and submit it to the local Research Services Officer within one month of the anniversary date of the ethics approval.

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Signed:

Date: 20 December 2007
(Research Services Officer, McAuley Campus)

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