



## Scouts Victoria and Resilient Youth Australia Resilience Survey FAQs

### **What is resilience?**

Resilient Youth Australia defines resilience as the ability to draw upon the strengths within yourself and around you to flexibly respond to life while remaining true to yourself and creating positive relationships with others.

### **Why is Scouts Victoria doing the Resilience Survey?**

We often speak about the contribution of Scouting to building resilience in young people, but to date, haven't had the evidence to support this. The Resilience Survey will help Scouts Victoria show the positive contribution of Scouting to society, and also potentially identify areas where we can improve the program to maximise our positive impact.

### **Who can do the Resilience Survey?**

The Resilience Survey can be done by current youth members of Scouts Victoria who are aged 8-18 years old (or years 3-12).

### **Why is the survey only for youth members aged 8 to 18 (and not Joey Scouts and older Rovers)?**

We know building resilience is central throughout the entire youth program of Scouting from Joeys to Rovers. Our survey results will be compared with the existing national data - which is for ages 8 through 18. We need to compare apples with apple so we can accurately see if Scouts are more resilient than their peers. No offence to Joeys and older Rovers, but their data would be redundant to this exercise.

### **What kind of questions does the Survey ask?**

The Resilience Survey asks young people 101 multiple choice questions about their lives in and out of school. The survey asks young people about their thoughts and feelings related to school, family, friendships, community and themselves.

### **What are some example questions?**

- Do you feel safe at school?
- Do you have two or more groups of friends?
- Do you have an adult in your life who listens?
- How many times have you been bullied in the last 12 months?

### **Why are there no Scout specific questions?**

The survey is standardised and designed to compare Scouts with a broader national population dataset - not one designed specifically for Scouts. Therefore it does not ask questions in relation to experiences within Scouting.

### **How long does the Resilience Survey take to complete?**

The Resilience Survey takes about 40 minutes to complete. Older youth have reported doing the survey in 20-30 minutes.



### **When can we do the Resilience Survey?**

The Resilience Survey will be open from February 19 2018 until March 19 2018.

### **How do I access the Resilience Survey?**

The survey can be completed online, using the login details emailed to youth members and/or their parents.

### **Can the survey be done on a smart phone?**

Yes, internet connection is all that is required (and the log in details of course). So the survey can be completed on any internet connected device eg smart phone, tablet, laptop, desktop. However if possible we do recommend doing the survey from start to finish in an environment with stable internet connection which is often at home.

### **Does the survey require parental consent?**

Scouts Victoria has sent an email about the survey to the guardian/parents of all relevant youth members for their information (next-of-kin as per their membership record). The survey is anonymous and it is not compulsory therefore consent does not apply. Anyone may withdraw from the survey at any time.

### **Has Scouts Victoria supplied my child's personal information to Resilient Youth Australia?**

No. Resilient Youth Australia will only receive the anonymous survey responses completed online by youth members. These will be analysed and compiled into a report which will be provided to Scouts Victoria.

### **Are individuals identified in the report?**

No. All survey responses are anonymous and respondents non-identified. The Resilience Survey is a cohort-based analysis only. All scouting members use the same login details, ensuring confidentiality to encourage honest and open responses.

### **How is the survey data stored?**

The survey data is stored in accordance with the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, which recommends a minimum retention time of five years. The Resilience Survey is anonymous, cohort-based and collected data is strictly non-identifiable. For further clarification please contact us via [resiliencesurvey@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:resiliencesurvey@scoutsvictoria.com.au)