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| Exploring Young Australians of Chinese Background Sexual Health Education Needs  The research is being carried out by the following researchers: | | |
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| **Research funder** | This research has received $1,340,000 funding from the Australian Department of Health. | |

1. **What is the study about?**

You are invited to participate in a study about the sexual health needs of young Australians of Chinese background. We hope to learn about how the topics of sex, relationships and bodies have been addressed in family and school settings of young Australians of Chinese background. This research aims to explore how cultural background shapes experiences of learning about sex and relationship and identify the sexual education support needs of young Australians of Chinese background.

1. **Do I have to participate?**

Being part of this study is voluntary. If you want to be part of the study we ask that you read the information below carefully and ask us any questions.

You can read the information below and decide at the end if you do not want to participate. If you decide not to participate this won’t affect your relationship with La Trobe University or any other listed organisation.

1. **Who is being asked to participate?**

You have been asked to participate because:

* You are aged 18-25 years old
* You reside in Australia
* Have parents born overseas
* Identify as having a Chinese background
* Have been either born in Australia, or resided in Australia since you attained the age of 12
* Are proficient in speaking and writing in English.

1. **What will I be asked to do?**

If you want to take part in this study, we will ask you to participate in a focus group discussion with other young Australians with Chinese background. It will take approximately 1 to 2 hours of your time. Focus groups will take place via Zoom.

You will be reimbursed a $50 gift voucher for your participation in this study.

1. **What are the benefits?**

The benefit of you taking part in this study is that you will help to support a greater understanding of the sexual literacy needs of young Australians of Chinese background and have an opportunity to reflect on your own experiences of learning about sex and relationships. You will also receive a $50 gift card for your participation in the study. The expected benefits to society in general are an increase in knowledge and understanding which will provide an informed basis for improving policy, regulatory, and educational responses in this area.

1. **What are the risks?**

With any study there are (1) risks we know about, (2) risks we don’t know about and (3) risks we don’t expect. If you experience something that you aren’t sure about, please contact us immediately so we can discuss the best way to manage your concerns.

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We have listed the risks we know about below. This will help you decide if you want to be part of the study.

* Participating in this interview may cause emotional distress in discussing relationships if you have previously experienced harmful relationships.
* Participating in this interview may cause emotional or psychological discomfort and embarrassment from interview questions about the topic of sex and relationships, however, we hope that this research will provide a safe forum in which you feel comfortable to share your experiences with the interviewer without any fear of judgement.
* Participating in a group discussion means there is a risk that others in the group discussion could disclose the information you share to others. However, we encourage all focus group members to maintain the confidentiality of all participants and to provide a safe space for people to share their thoughts and experiences.

1. **What will happen to information about me?**

We will **collect** information about you in ways that are identifiable.

We will **store** information about you in ways that are identifiable.

We will **publish** information about you in ways that you will not be identified in any type of publication from this study.

We will **keep** your information for 7 after the project is completed. After this time we will destroy all of your data.

The storage, transfer and destruction of your data will be undertaken in accordance with the [Research Data Management Policy](https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/) <https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/>.

The personal information you provide will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws, any health information collected will be handled in accordance with the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Subject to any exceptions in relevant laws, you have the right to access and correct your personal information by contacting the research team. Your contribution to the research would be disclosed outside the research team ONLY if required by a court subpoena. In this unlikely event the research team may have to divulge the identities of participants.

1. **Will I hear about the results of the study?**

We will let you know about the results of the study by sending you the headline findings report once it is available. You will be able to access the full report and any journal outputs from the study on our project website (www.shper.org) when these become available.

Because of the group format of a focus group, we cannot send you your individual data.

1. **What if I change my mind?**

If you participate in a focus group, you can terminate your involvement in the focus group at any point during the session. However, it will not be possible to remove the information you provide from the data set.

Your decision to withdraw at any point will **not** affect your relationship with La Trobe University or any other organisation listed.

1. **Who can I contact for questions or want more information?**

If you would like to speak to us, please use the contact details below:

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1. **What if I have a complaint?**

If you have a complaint about any part of this study, please contact:

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| **Ethics Reference Number** | **Position** | **Telephone** | **Email** |
| HEC23225 | Senior Research Ethics Officer | +61 3 9479 1443 | [humanethics@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@latrobe.edu.au) |

**Consent Form – Declaration by Participant**

I (the participant) have read (or, where appropriate, have had read to me) and understood the participant information statement, and any questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in the study, I know I can withdraw at any time until [four weeks] following the collection of my data. I agree information provided by me or with my permission during the project may be included in a thesis, presentation and published in journals on the condition that I cannot be identified.

I would like my information collected for this research study to be:

Only used for this specific study;

I agree to have my interview audio and/or video recorded

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| **Name** | **Email (optional)** | **Postal address (optional)** |
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**Participant Signature**

I have received a signed copy of the Participant Information Statement and Consent Form to keep

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| Participant’s printed name |  |
| Participant’s signature |  |
| Date |  |

**Declaration by Researcher**

I have given a verbal explanation of the study, what it involves, and the risks and I believe the participant has understood;

I am a person qualified to explain the study, the risks and answer questions

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| Researcher’s printed name |  |
| Researcher’s signature |  |
| Date |  |

\* All parties must sign and date their own signature

**Withdrawal of Consent**

I wish to withdraw my consent to participate in this study. I understand withdrawal will not affect my relationship with La Trobe University of any other organisation or professionals listed in the Participant Information Statement. I understand the researchers cannot withdraw my information once it has been collected as part of a focus group.

**I understand my information will be withdrawn as outlined below:**

* Any identifiable information about me will be withdrawn from the study
* The researchers will withdraw my contact details so I cannot be contacted by them in the future studies.
* The researchers cannot withdraw my information once it has been analysed, and/or collected as part of a focus group

**Participant Signature**

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| Participant’s printed name |  |
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**Please forward this form to:**

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