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Participant Information Sheet – Participating Schools (Student Under 16)

LENScience Healthy Start to Life: Adolescent Education Programme

Principal Investigator: Jacque Bay, Director, LENSscience.

Dear Student,

My name is Jacque Bay, I am a science teacher who works at the Liggins Institute. Your teachers have been working with scientists and teachers from the Liggins Institute to create a unit of work for your class. You will learn about what scientists do and about what they have found out about having a healthy start to life. You may also get a chance to visit the Liggins Institute and meet with scientists.

You are being invited to take part in research to find out whether this unit of work is useful. Your parents or caregivers have had a letter about this and have agreed that you can take part in the research if you would like to. If you agree, you will be asked to fill in 2 short questionnaires during this year.

You will also be asked whether the research team can look at your work. They will not give you grades – just have a look. They may wish to make a copy of your work so they can look at it again later. If this was the case, your name would be covered over.

A small group of students from your class may be selected for a short interview at school where you will be asked to talk about what you have learnt. If you agree, your interview will be recorded. You can ask for the recording to stop at any time. Your interview answers will be written out by a member of the research team. The person doing this work has signed an agreement to promise that they will not tell anyone about what you say in your interview.

All the questionnaires and interview recordings will be kept in a locked file at the Liggins Institute and will be destroyed after a period of 6 years. Your name or your schools name will never be used in reports written about the project.

You do not have to take part in the research. If you decide not to, you will still do all things in class the same, except you will not answer the research questionnaires or be interviewed. If you do decide to take part, and you change your mind, that is OK. You can change your mind at any time up until October 1st 2012. Your school Principal and teachers have promised that whatever you decide, it will not affect your school work or grades.

If you do agree to be a take part, please fill out the form on the next page and give it back to your teacher.

The project is paid for by the National Research Centre for Growth and Development and hosted by the Liggins Institute at the University of Auckland.

If you have want to know more about this research you may contact me:

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For queries regarding ethical concerns please contact:

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Yours sincerely



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