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During Term 3 2016 the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA Colin Pettit will be running a consultation with students from Year 3 to Year 12 in randomly selected government, Catholic and Independent Schools across WA seeking their views on school and learning.

The consultation is part of a project by the Commissioner that aims to examine the factors that affect children and young people’s engagement with education.

In previous consultations conducted by the Commissioner children and young people have said that a good education is vital to their wellbeing and achievement of their goals, a view supported by a range of research.

The Commissioner aims to establish a stronger understanding of the factors that keep children and young people interested and engaged in education so their long-term health and wellbeing can be better supported.

The consultation has been developed with the assistance of a reference group comprising representatives from a range of government departments, non-government agencies, academics and service providers, including a representative from AISWA.

The Commissioner will publish information from the consultations and promote the findings in the education sector and the community to increase understanding about what influences children and young people’s participation in education.

If a school has been selected to be included in the Commissioner’s School and Learning Consultation, the principal of that school will be contacted directly by the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

More information is available from the Commissioner’s website [www.ccyp.wa.gov.au](http://www.ccyp.wa.gov.au) or by contacting Principal Policy Officer Leanne Pech by email [leanne.pech@ccyp.wa.gov.au](mailto:leanne.pech@ccyp.wa.gov.au)

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