

# StatSmart Newsletter



**Attention all StatSmart teachers—our PhD student Colin Carmichael needs your help.  
Most of you met Colin at the last StatSmart conference.  
Please read the following and let him know if you are available to assist...**

### PhD Project: Interest in statistical literacy

The purpose of this brief news item is to enlist your support for the PhD project that was described to many of you at the last StatSmart conference. The project examines middle school students' interest in statistical literacy. It aims to assess whether interventions, such as student participation in CensusAtSchool and teacher involvement in the StatSmart project, positively influence such interest.

The first phase of this project has involved the design and testing of an instrument, the Statistical Literacy Interest Measure (SLIM) that will assess student interest. The second phase will involve assessment of students whose teachers are participating in the StatSmart project. It is envisaged that this will coincide with planned StatSmart testing later this year, early next year and then again at the end of next year.

Your support would involve the distribution and collection of ethics consent forms from your students and administering the SLIM along with the StatSmart surveys. I anticipate that SLIM will take about 20 minutes to complete.

If interested please contact Julie, me or the project leaders.

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### Teacher Interviews:

The first round of teacher interviews has been completed in Melbourne on the 25th - 27th of August. Jane and Rosemary conducted the interviews. Interviews in South Australia will be conducted by Elena and Rosemary and interviews in Tasmania will be conducted by Julie and Jane. SA and Tasmanian interviews will hopefully happen in September. Thank you all for your time in helping us organise and conduct these interviews. They will play a really important part in our StatSmart research.

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### Units of work -

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Thanks :)

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