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Shops Refusing to Serve School Students During School Hours

In October 2010, the issue of shops refusing to serve school students during school hours received considerable media coverage across Canberra.

To find out what the children and young people of Canberra thought about the issue, the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) distributed a survey to members of the CYPC's *ACTkids eMail Network*.

The CYPC received just under 60 responses to the survey from young people aged from 11 years to 18 years, with the results showing that:

- 70% of children and young people thought it was 'not ok' for shops to refuse to serve school students during school hours (20% thought it was ok, 6% didn't care, and 4% didn't know); and
- 70% of children and young people thought refusing to serve school students during school hours 'would not' help reduce wagging by students (16% thought that it would help, 14% didn't know, and 0% didn't care).

Children and young people were also asked what they thought would be the best way to stop school students from wagging, with over 40 children and young people providing a written response.

Many young people spoke about making classes and school more interesting, enjoyable and engaging, while others spoke about talking more with students about why wagging is a bad idea. Others also spoke about making it harder for students to wag, and having harsher consequences for wagging.

The CYPC will be talking with a range of individuals and agencies about the results of the survey, and will also be talking more with children and young people about what they said.

For further information, please phone the CYPC on 6205 2222, or email at ACTkids@act.gov.au.



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