# How schools will use My Mind Check



Our School Support Team will work with you to create a tailored plan for how your school will use My Mind Check.

We also support school staff with simple processes.



STEP 02

# Check-in

Schools set up and conduct supervised **check-ins during school hours.** 

- Hold 30-minute sessions, with check-ins taking 10-15 min.
- Step-by-step guides provided



STEP 03

# Respond

Staff review instant outcomes in the portal and are provided with early indicators about mental health risks and protective factors.

School staff will also access our curated resource hub to support student communication.



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# **My Mind Check resources**



**School Principal Guide** 

**School Planner** 

**Schools Communication Toolkit** 

Consent Forms - <u>Caregiver</u>/<u>Student</u>

School Administrator Guide



# Check-in

<u>Check-in Guide for Session</u> Supervisors

**FAQs for Session Supervisor** 



STEP 03

# Respond

Follow up Guide

Mental Health & Wellbeing Starter Guide

Caregiver Communication Template\*

Student Communication Template\*

**Phone Script** 

Student Action Plan

**School Documentation Template** 

Resource Directory\*

\*Attached in cover email





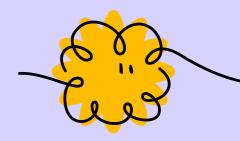
Supporting Australian schools to understand student mental health and wellbeing



Mental health in Australian schools is at a critical level. From the pressures of school, social media and daily life, many students are struggling to cope.

**14% of Australian youth** are affected by mental health issues<sup>1</sup>

**50%** of mental health issues occur before the age of 14°



By Year 9, these students are **two years behind** their peers academically.<sup>3</sup>

# What is My Mind Check?

Designed for Australian schools, My Mind Check is a **free and voluntary mental health and wellbeing check-in tool**. It offers proactive, evidencebased outcomes and gives students a voice for mental health and wellbeing.

My Mind Check has been developed by Macquarie University, Sydney based on years of research<sup>4</sup> and consultation with the education, health and community sectors.

Our aim is to ensure that every Australian school has access to the right tools and resources to foster a positive mental health environment.



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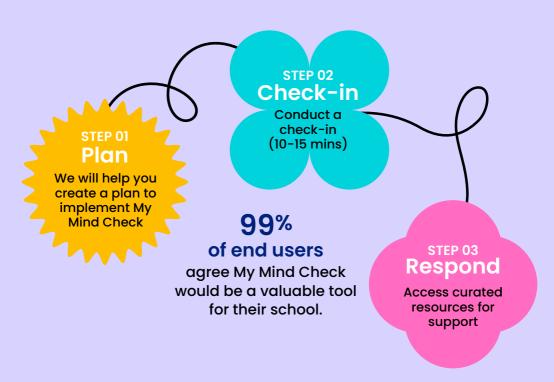
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# **How My Mind Check works**

The My Mind Check School Support Team will work with your school to provide easy-to-follow processes for implementation.



Check-ins take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and differ by student age group:

- Foundation Year 3 Students are presented with two images, selecting the option that best reflects them.
- Years 4 -12 Students are asked age-appropriate questions that explore important aspects of mental health and wellbeing.

# **Mental Health Domains** covered in My Mind Check

# Core pack

# Domains by school year levels

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Optional mental health domains	Foundation to Year 3	Years 4 & 5	Years 6-12
Body Image/Eating Difficulties	-	-	✓
Peer Victimisation	-	1	✓



# Benefits of My Mind Check

- Free for Australian schools
- Check-ins conducted during school time only
- Real-time insights for schools
- Expertly curated resources to support schools, caregivers and students
- Available for students from Foundation Year 12
- Data security and privacy is priority

## Visit

# MyMindCheck.org.au

and select **ENQUIRE NOW** to find out more or register your interest in becoming a My Mind Check school.





For further information, please contact info@mymindcheck.org.au



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- Year 12 students. Developmentally appropriate versions.



## Point in time

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# O Evidence-based data

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## Easy to use, with support

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This voluntary tool also provides a voice for each student's mental health and wellbeing.









# Want to know more?

Visit mymindcheck.org.au and make an enquiry with our School Support Team

# **Made for Australian** schools and students



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# A Voluntary Mental Health & Wellbeing Check Tool

FOR ALL AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS



The Australian Government's 'Plan to Help our School Kids Bounce Back' was announced in 2023. This Plan will support schools to respond to student mental health and wellbeing and comprises two parts:

- 1. one-off funding to schools to support students' mental health and wellbeing.
- 2. a free, online, voluntary mental health check tool for all schools and year groups.

Funded by the Australian Department of Education, Macquarie University has been engaged to provide the online tool.

## AIMS OF THE TOOL

The Voluntary Mental Health and Wellbeing Check Tool aims to help schools:

- Quickly identify students struggling with mental health and wellbeing at a given point in time.
- Provide information to guide decisions to support students.
- Allow schools to identify changes in the mental health and wellbeing of their students over time.

## **SCOPE AND TIMELINE**

The Tool will be available to all Australian schools (across all sectors and grades) from Term 1, 2024.

Schools can voluntarily choose to participate and can implement the tool at any time. Schools will then get access to their own students' results.

## **OUR EXPERIENCE**

Our team at Macquarie University have been running school-based mental health research for over a decade. This includes research of over 20,000 students; scientific development of a mental health check instrument; a randomised controlled trial to demonstrate the value of a student check; and extensive feedback from stakeholders.

# CURRENT PLANNED DESIGN

The current vision is for the Mental Health and Wellbeing Check Tool to comprise three components:

## 1. WEBSITE

This will provide the gateway to the Tool for schools as well as frequently asked questions and relevant information for schools, caregivers and students, including:

- Information and resources about mental health in young people to increase mental health literacy and reduce stigma.
- General educational information about the value, aims, and processes of checking mental health and wellbeing through schools.
- Links to publicly accessible online service directories (e.g., Be You, Head to Health WellMob).
- A link for schools to the online school tool.

### 2. ONLINE TOOL

Schools can sign up to the Tool and to receive the full range of guidelines and systems to facilitate running the mental health and wellbeing check with their students. Following the check in, school staff will have access to individual and group-level reports, along with recommendations to guide schools to make decisions to support students.



Schools can see an individual student's results via a simple report.

### 3. TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The service will include both online and telephone access to provide set-up, technical and user support for schools.

### **ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

In developing the Voluntary Mental Health and Wellbeing Check Tool and resources, we want to make sure that all relevant stakeholders are included. As a representative of a group that will use or be assisted by the Tool, we want to hear your views.

We want to hear what you think needs to be represented within the tool; how it can best support the needs of schools, staff, caregivers and students; and any potential barriers you can think of that we will need to address.



Schools can see wellbeing insights at a grade level or for the whole school.





## FIND OUT MORE

W: mq.edu.au/about/schoolmentalhealthchecktool E: schoolmentalhealthcheck@mq.edu.au Macquarie University NSW 2109 Australia ABN 90 952 801 237







## **Dear School**

In today's educational landscape, prioritising mental health is essential. I am excited to introduce you to My Mind Check, designed to help Australian schools proactively address their students' mental health and wellbeing.

Developed by Macquarie University and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, My Mind Check is a free digital check-in tool that provides schools with valuable, evidence-based insights to support informed decisions about student wellbeing. The My Mind Check team has designed streamlined processes and offers a variety of resources to make implementation easy for schools.

To find out more about My Mind Check, I invite you to attend a **Discover My Mind Check Webinar**. This session will showcase how this important initiative can enhance student wellbeing and create a supportive educational framework that addresses mental health challenges proactively.

Please select a date below to register for an upcoming Discover My Mind Check Webinar.

- Thursday 10 October 3:30pm
- Wednesday, 16 October 4:00pm

Alternatively, if you would like to arrange a time for our School Support Team to speak to your school, please contact <a href="mailto:info@mymindcheck.org.au">info@mymindcheck.org.au</a>

Please <u>click here</u> for additional information relating to My Mind Check. We also encourage you to visit our website at <u>mymindcheck.org.au</u>

Our aim is to ensure that every school has access to the right tools and resources to foster a positive mental health environment.

Kind regards

Dr Lauren McLellan Director



Dear School,

Imagine a world where every student feels understood, supported and empowered to thrive.

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Developed by Macquarie University and operating on behalf of the **Australian Government Department of Education**, My Mind Check is available **free** to Australian schools.

**My Mind Check** provides valuable, evidence-based insights to support informed decisions about student wellbeing. Offering streamlined processes and a variety of resources to make implementation easy, it aims to assist schools in fostering positive, mental health-focused environments for all students. Please <u>click here</u> to view our My Mind Check video.

We don't want your school to miss the chance to be part of this important, free initiative!

To register your interest please visit our <u>website</u> and **ENQUIRE**. You can also sign up for a <u>Discover My Mind Check Webinar</u>. We also welcome the opportunity to present to key staff at schools directly. To request an individual meeting please contact <u>info@mymindcheck.org.au</u>.

Thank you for considering this important initiative to enhance student mental health and wellbeing. We hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards, Dr Lauren McLellan Director





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# Stakeholder Communications Toolkit



# 1. Introduction - My Mind Check

# Did you Know?

- On average, 14% of Australian youth experience mental health difficulties\*
- Issues often emerge early 50% of mental health concerns, even minor ones, are noticed before the age of 14\*\*
- By Grade 9, students with mental health issues can be up to 2 years behind their peers academically^
- Schools have a key role to play in supporting student mental health^^
- The Student Wellbeing Boost, an initiative by the Australian Government, included funding for a national voluntary mental health and wellbeing check-in, now known as My Mind Check.

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# My Mind Check - summary

My Mind Check is a new student mental health and wellbeing check-in for Australian schools. It gives students a voice to share how they feel about their own mental health and wellbeing and provides schools with proactive, evidence-based indicators about each student, each year group and whole school mental health and wellbeing at a moment in time.

It's a free, voluntary digital tool that has been expertly developed by Macquarie University based on years of research and extensive consultation with education, health and community.

To find out more about this initiative visit <u>mymindcheck.org.au.</u> Take a look at the "school" page specifically for schools and educators and/or submit an enquiry form so the school support team can provide you more information.

The initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education as part of the Student Wellbeing Boost.



# 2. More about My Mind Check

# Student check -ins

Students are asked age-appropriate questions about their mental health and wellbeing at a point in time. Students are not obligated to complete the check-in (despite caregiver consent) and can choose to withdraw at any time. Schools are encouraged to support their students to participate in a way that makes them feel most comfortable.

- Schools set up and conduct supervised check-ins during school hours only.
- Schools will schedule 30-minute check in sessions. Students are expected to take **10-15 minutes** to complete the check-in. Allowing set up and wrap up time.
- Check-ins include common mental health risk factors as well as protective factors.
- Check-ins can be repeated, but we don't recommend undertaking check-ins
  within one month of each other. This interval allows ample time for schools to
  respond to students from the previous check-in. The timing and scheduling of
  check-ins is flexible for schools.
- Real-time student check-in summaries are available to nominated My Mind Check approved staff via your school's My Mind Check portal.
- Schools follow up with students (or their caregivers) after check-ins by reviewing check-in summaries and sharing information with the student (or their caregiver, as relevant)
- We've done the hard work for you. My Mind Check offers schools clear processes
  with a wealth of guides and templates to help staff, and a simple website for
  caregivers and students.
- Built to meet strict Commonwealth Government security and privacy standards.

# There are 4 Key Components to My Mind Check for use by schools, students, and caregivers

# 1. My Mind Check Website

The central location for schools, students and caregivers to access information about My Mind Check and obtain curated information and resources about each mental health and wellbeing topic measured by the tool. It is also where school staff access the school portal, and where students log-in to do their check-in.

# 2. School portal

The access point for your school to schedule and initiate check-in sessions, and obtain real-time student and whole-school insights, along with tailored follow-up guidance for each student.

# 3. School Support Team

The School Support team will work in partnership with schools to support the streamline implementation of My Mind Check to suit each school's current wellbeing strategies and goals. They are available weekdays 8am - 4pm during school terms to also assist with technical support.

# 4. Curated Resource Hub

Schools have access to an extensive range of expertly curated guides and external resources.

# 3. What's included?

My Mind Check is a comprehensive check-in that includes key mental health and wellbeing topics (or domains) as well as protective factors. Three age-appropriate versions are available in a standard core pack format or with additional mental health topics added if chosen.

# **Core Pack**

to Year 3	4 and 5	6–12
<b>✓</b> *	✓	<b>✓</b>
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Foundation to year 3 students receive a visual presentation of two images. They select the option that best reflects them.

**Years 4&5** and **Years 6-12** have two different age appropriate sets of written questions and answers.

All age groups have an **audio playback** function available for all questions and answers.

# + Optional

Optional mental health domains	Foundation to Year 3	Years 4 and 5	Years 6-12
Body Image/ Eating Difficulties	_	_	<b>✓</b>
Peer Victimisation	_	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>

One or both of these optional mental health topics (domains) may be added to the core pack.

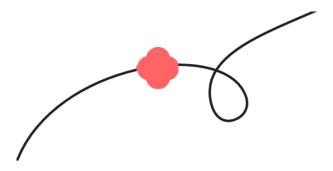
# 4. Security & privacy

My Mind Check is underpinned by the development of extensive cyber security controls. Australian federal agencies are required to build and maintain cyber security controls under guidance of the Information Security Manual (ISM) security framework. This includes 913 (as at June 2024) operational and technical cyber security controls that considers every aspect of an organisations security posture. As we have been developed under funding from the federal government, we are required to be independently assessed against the ISM. This assessment is called IRAP (Infosec Registered Assessors Program) and applied nationally (and across all sectors, i.e. beyond Education) to ensure consistent and effective defence of cyber threats.

Likewise, My Mind Check has had federal agency privacy expectations contractually applied to our product. It has been developed utilising privacy by design principles and been assessed through a recognised and independent Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). Throughout this process the product and operation has been extensively evaluated against Australian Privacy Principles (APP) and legal implications of Privacy Law. The Commonwealth Department of Education has undertaken an independent Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), to evaluate our approach and compliance with Australian legislation. Details of this process and confirmation of the PIA undertaking can be found on the department website (https://www.education.gov.au/using-site/privacy)

Do you have more questions? Please email us at <a href="mailto:mymindcheck@mq.edu.au">mymindcheck@mq.edu.au</a>

See over the page for digital assets



# 5. Digital Assets

## **Promotional Videos:**

**Purpose**: These videos are hosted on Youtube and can be linked to digital communications and are a great way to give a quick overview of My Mind check. There is a short 30 seconds version and a longer 2m 14s version, both with or without subtitles. Unless subtitles are required, we recommend using the version without subtitles. Links to videos are provided here:

<u>2 minute video – no subtitles</u> <u>2 minute video – with subtitles</u>

30 second video - no subtitles 30 second video - with subtitles

# **Images**

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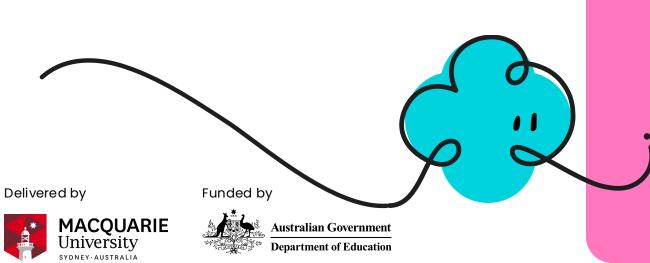


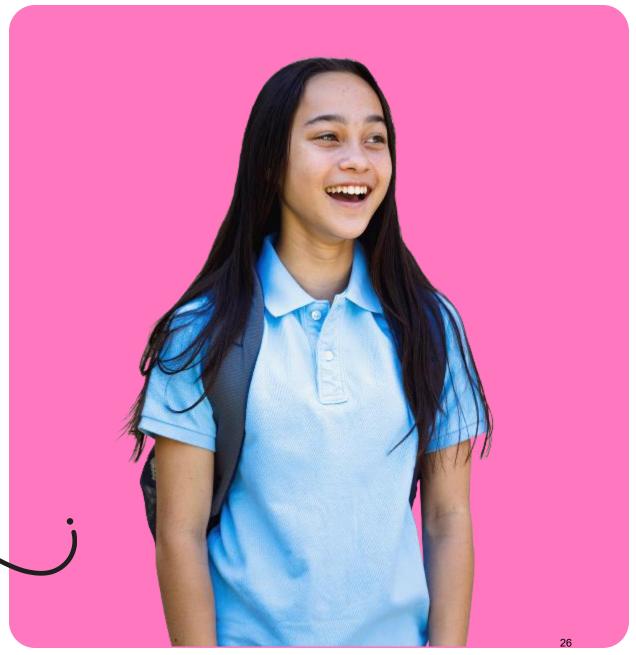
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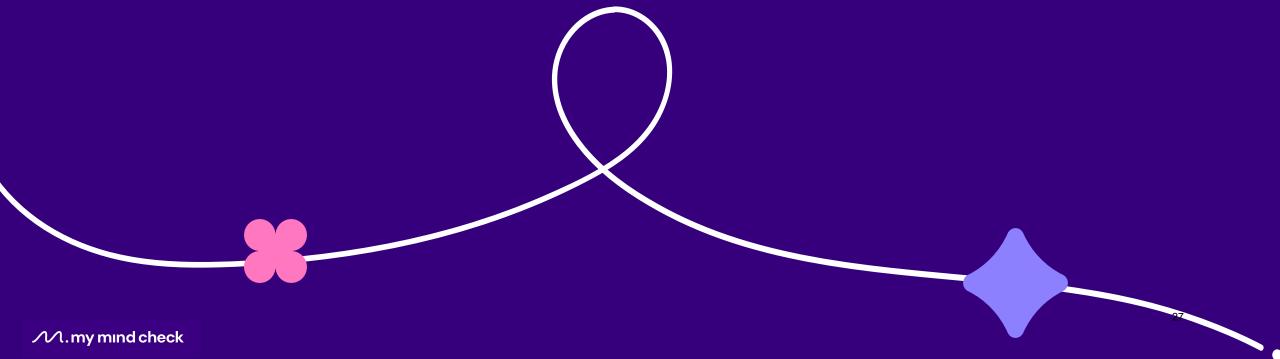
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Discover My Mind Check Webinar





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# **Australian Government**

# Student Mental Health Strategy

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The Australian Government is implementing **The Student Wellbeing Boost** to support our children's mental health.

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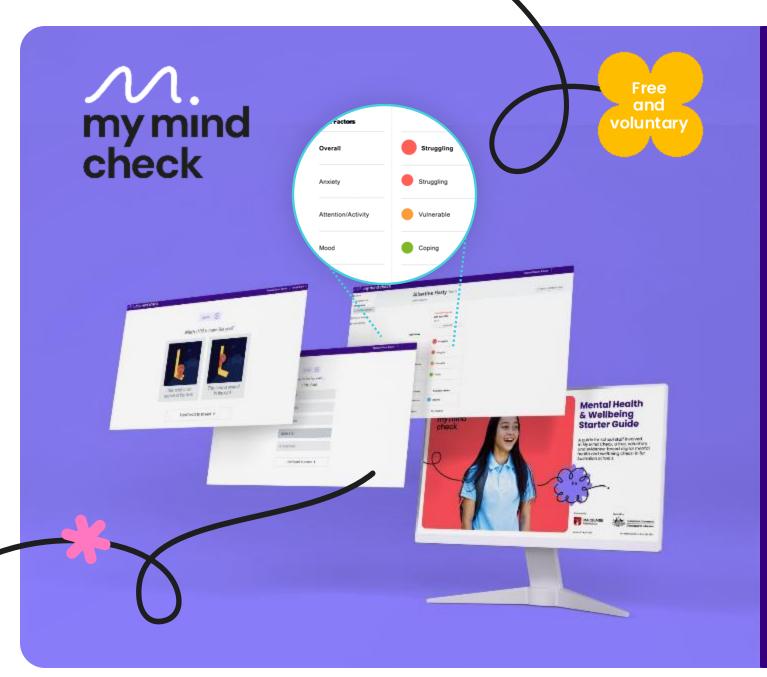


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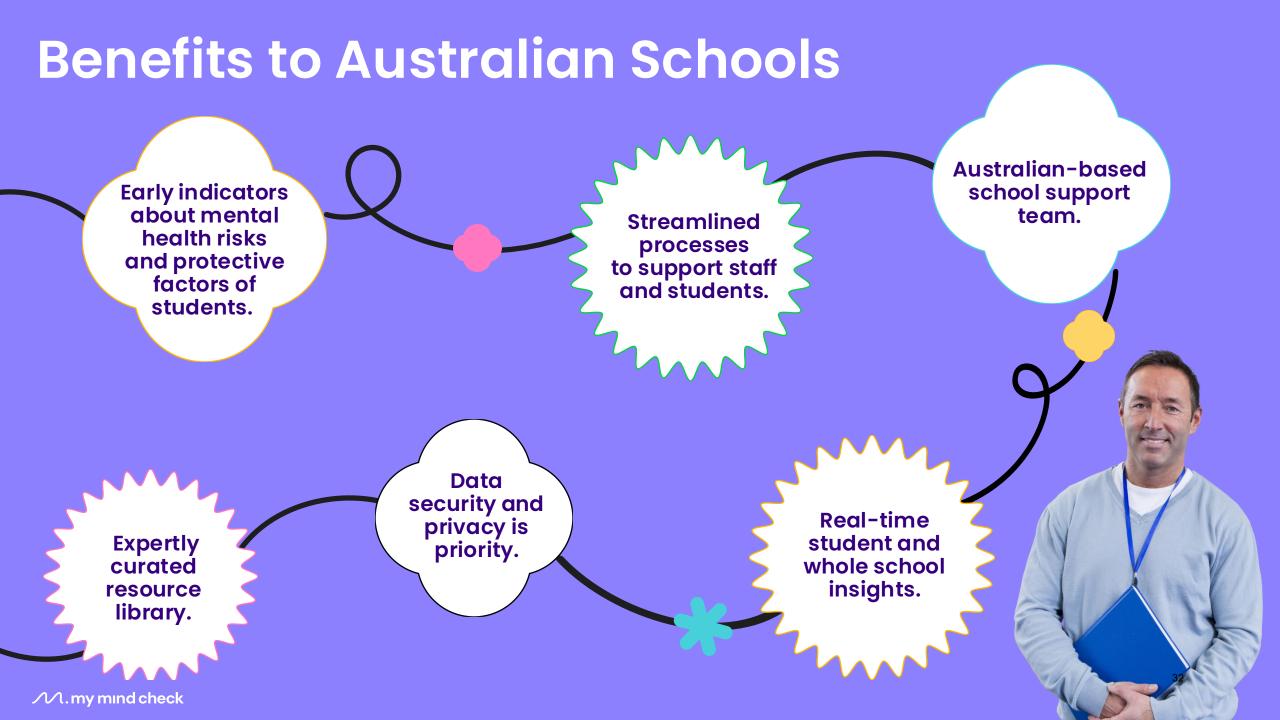
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Allows collaboration with the school in support of your student

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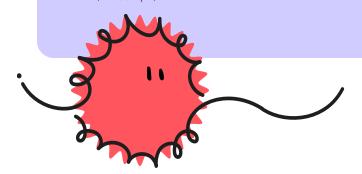
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# **Expertly developed**

Internationally renowned
Distinguished Professor Ron Rapee
AM, leading mental health researcher
Dr Lauren McLellan and their team at
Macquarie University, Sydney, have led
the research, design and build of My
Mind Check for Australian schools.

\* Rapee et al., 2024. † Burns & Rapee, 2015, 2019; Hunt, Peters & Rapee, 2012.







# Robust product development

**Research studies** 

Years 2000 - 2022

My Mind Check development

2023 - 2024

Product validation & refinement

~14,000 students in NSW (70+ schools) BEACON and RADAR ب<u>گ</u>: 90+

nationwide consultations

182
end-user respondents
(nationally

representative)

99%

end users\*
agree it would
be a valuable
tool for schools

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# My Mind Check fits into the school wellbeing ecosystem

Department of Education Mental Health Menus **Understand** Health your student Attendance information Helplines better Universal and targeted errograms alth **Academics** professional directories M. my mind and websites Aligns with your school's wellbeing Editector training, check supportugues especies Share Observations outcomes resources The missing piece of Youth mental health information Producite social regulators with My Mind Check about students NAPLAN domains visible at both Aligned with evidence-based whole-school and care recommendations student levels. Information Demographic from caregivers data School-level wellbeing surveys

Optional
Evidence-based
in-school
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Caregivers and students

# Data security and privacy

# Secure data handling

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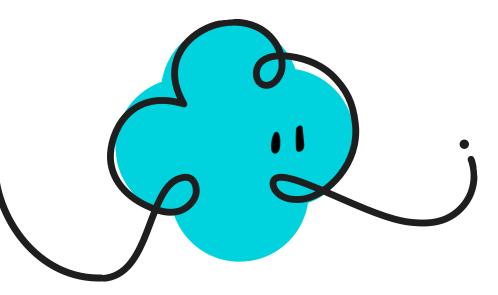
All data is **encrypted** and **stored in Australia**.





- Collect as little personal information as possible
  - Access to student outcomes only available to authorised staff
    - Utilise data encryption and login authentication
    - Clear information about who may access information and for what purpose
    - Commonwealth (and state/territory departments) only access uptake and usability information
  - Macquarie University accesses de-identified data for quality assurance, service improvement and research publication

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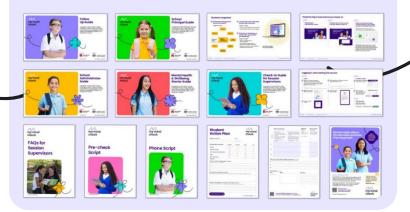
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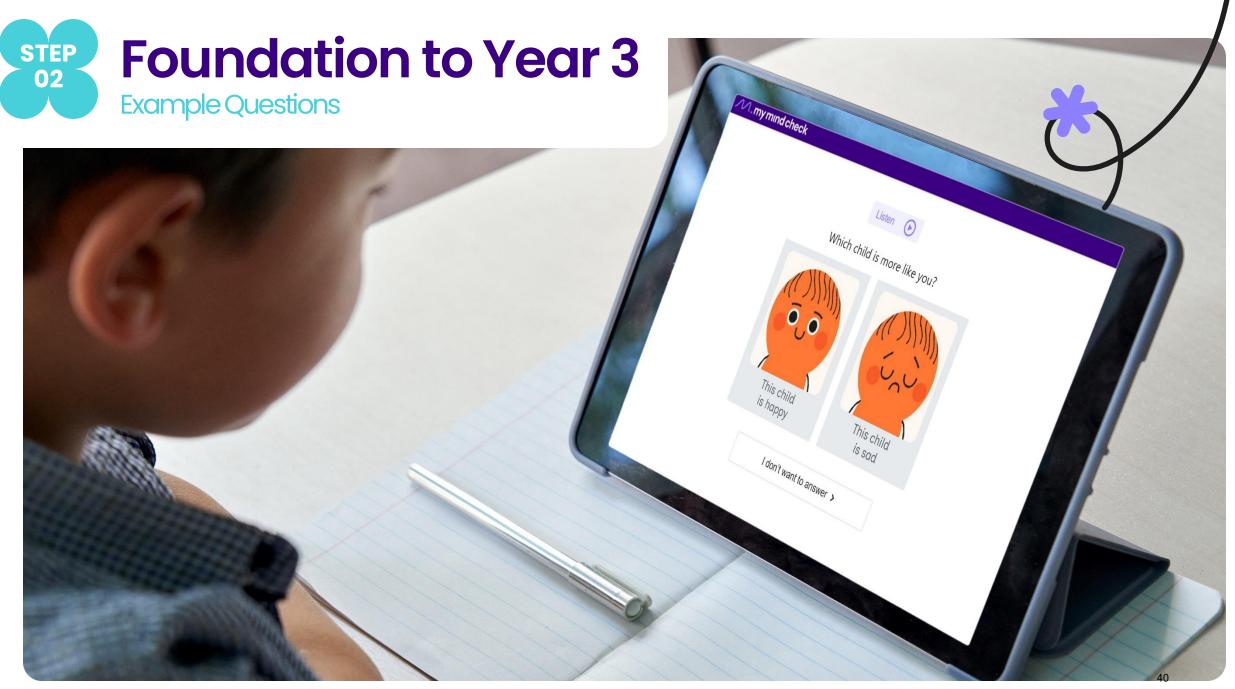
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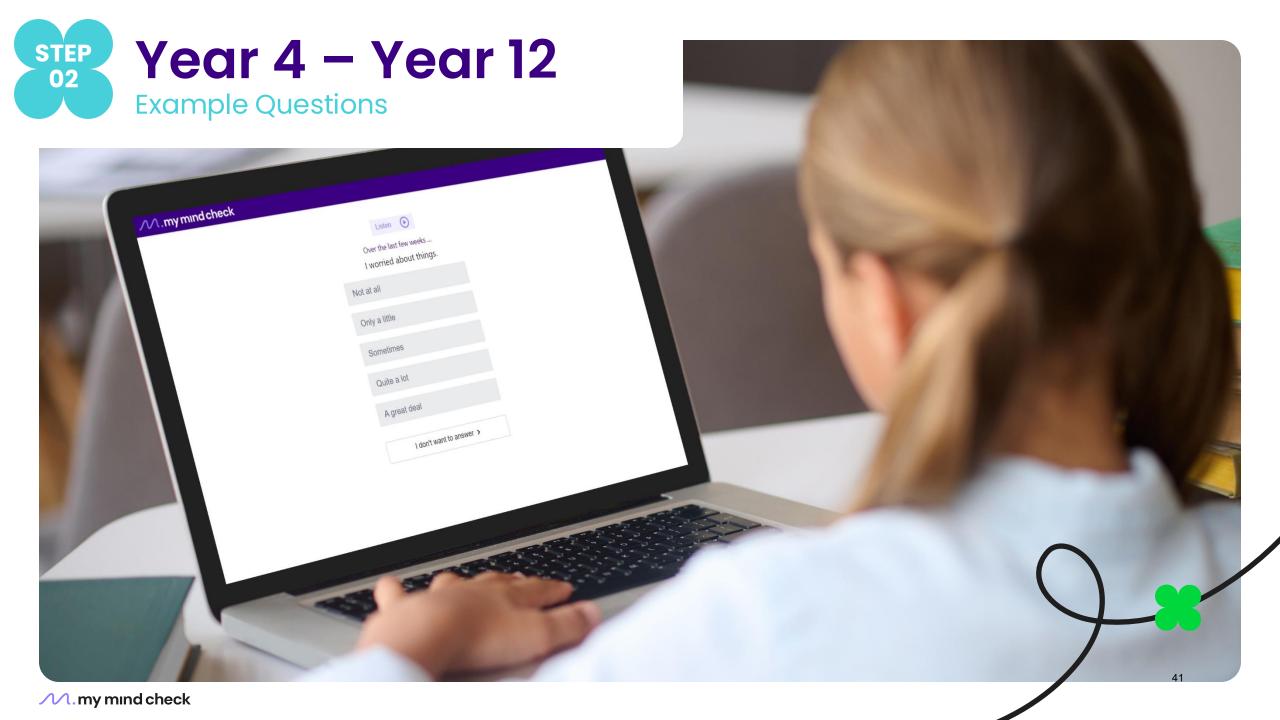


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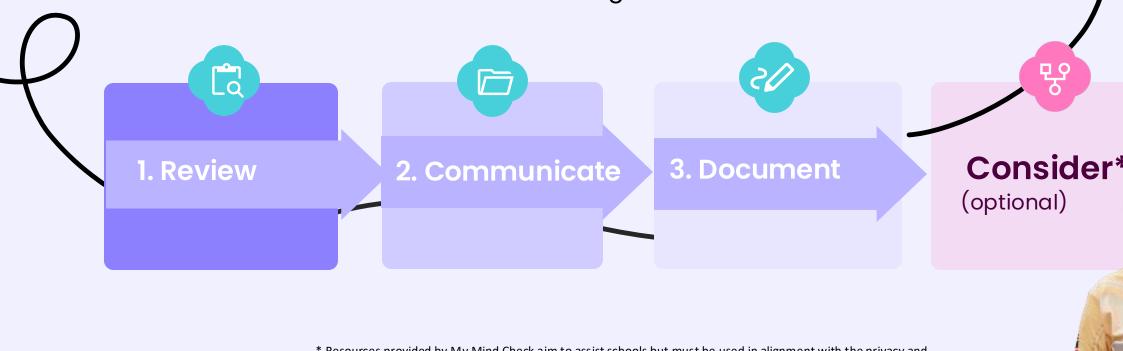
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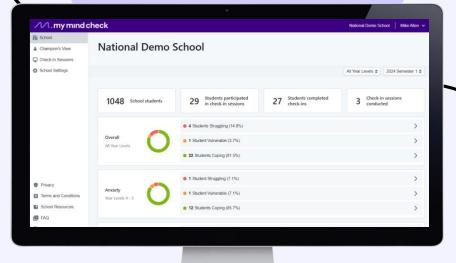


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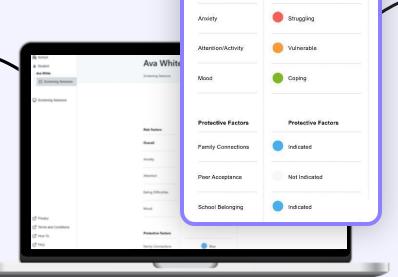
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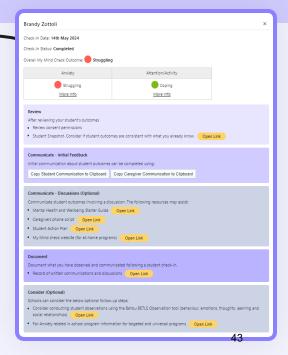
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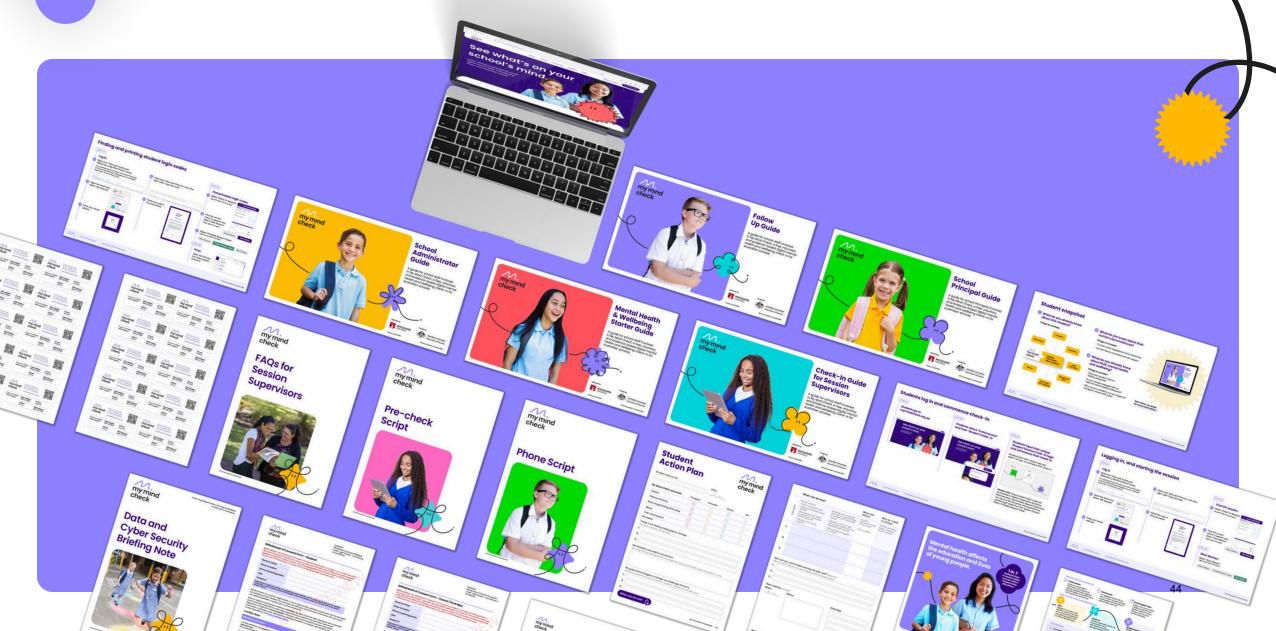
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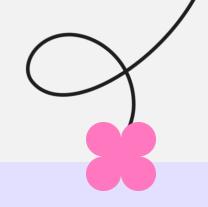




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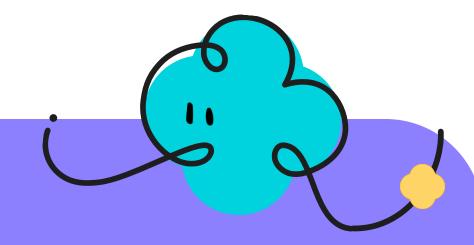
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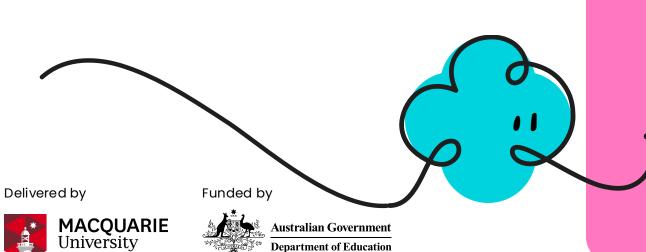


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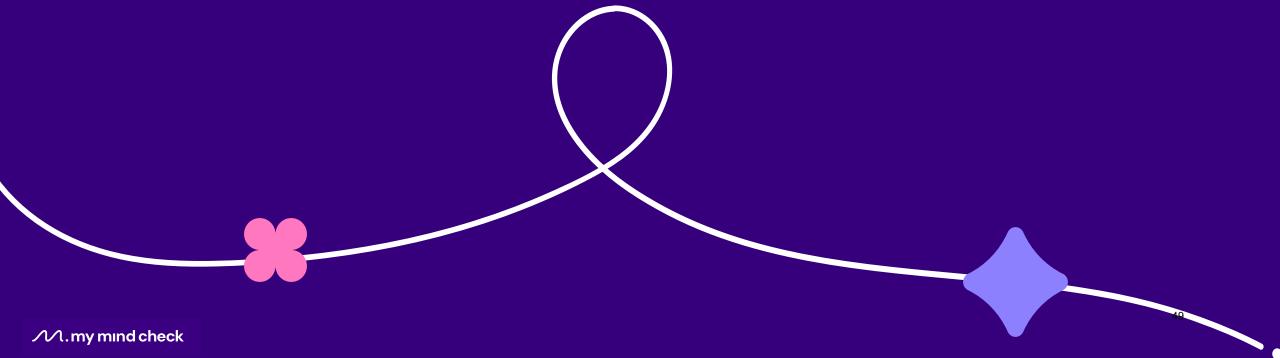


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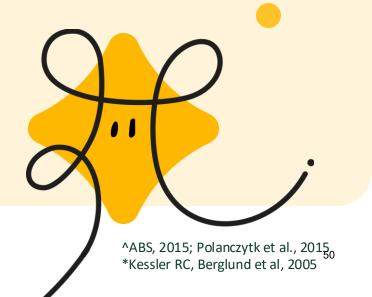


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#### Mental health and wellbeing check-in tool





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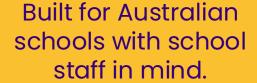
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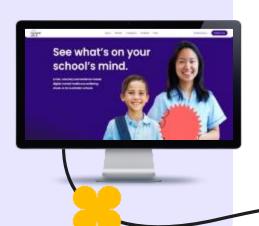


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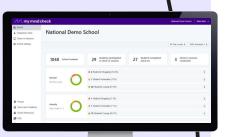
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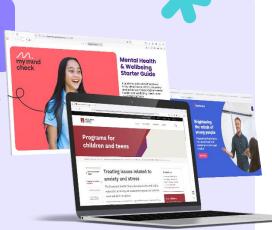
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2023 - 2024 - My Mind Check development

Stakeholder consultation

**End user validation** 

90+
nationwide
consultations

148

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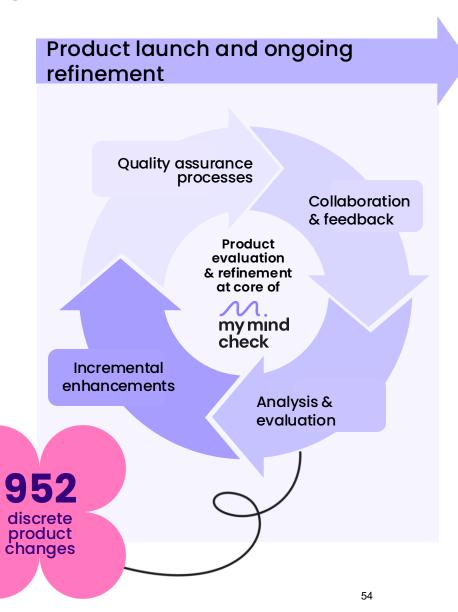
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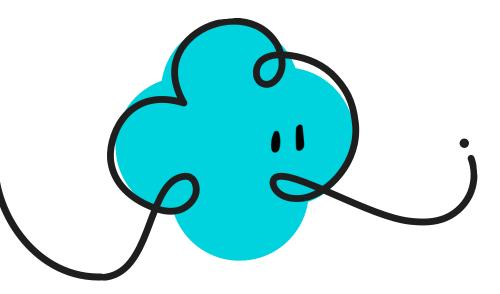
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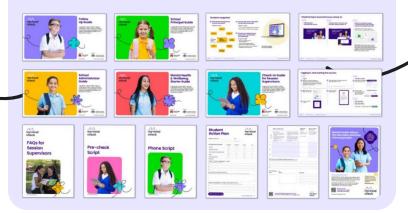
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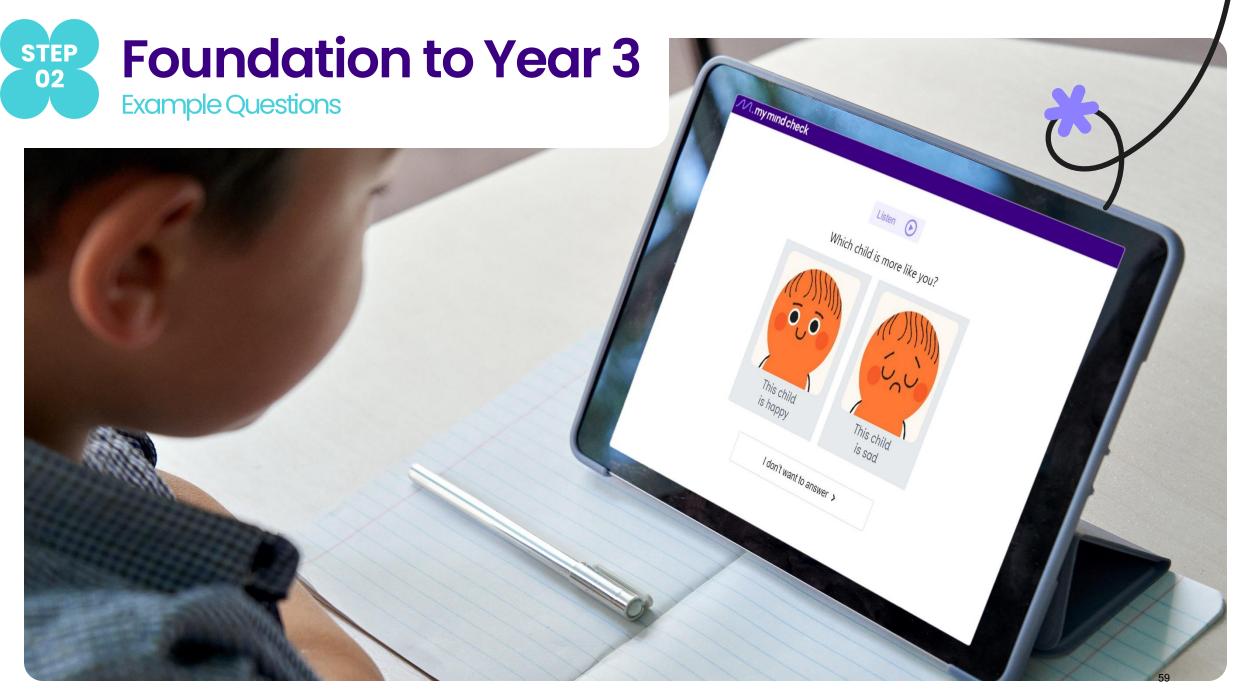
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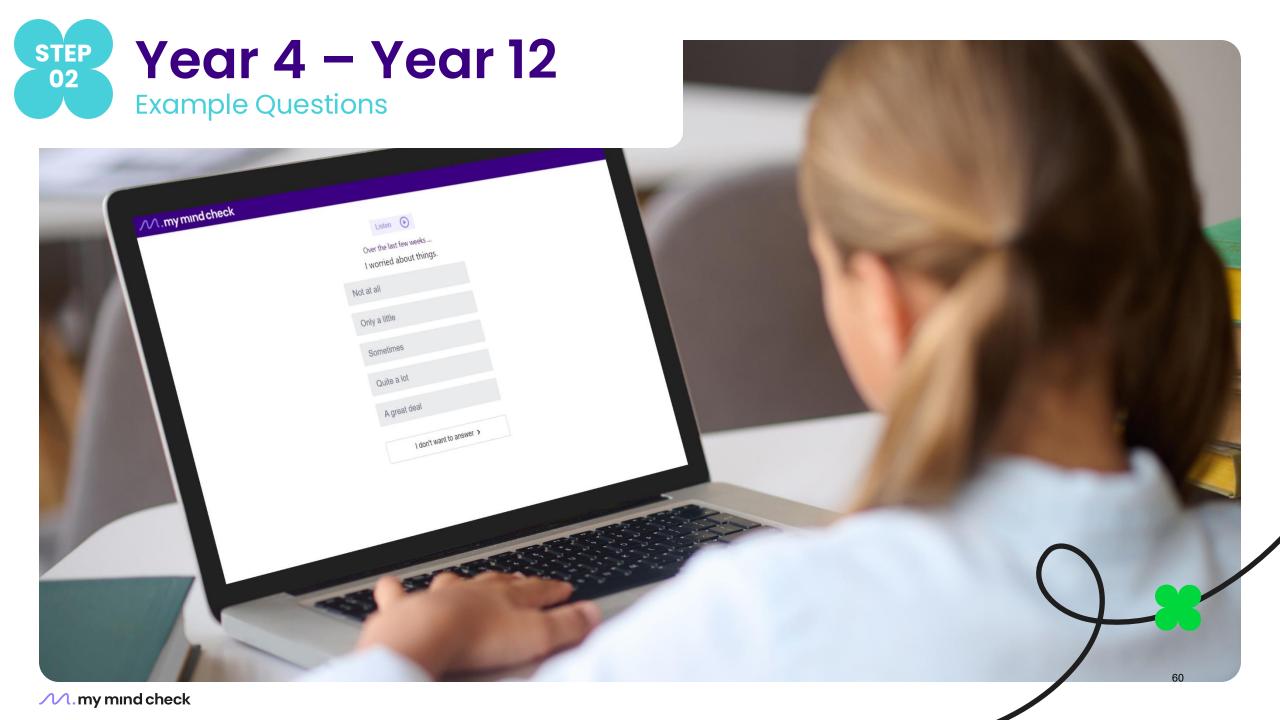


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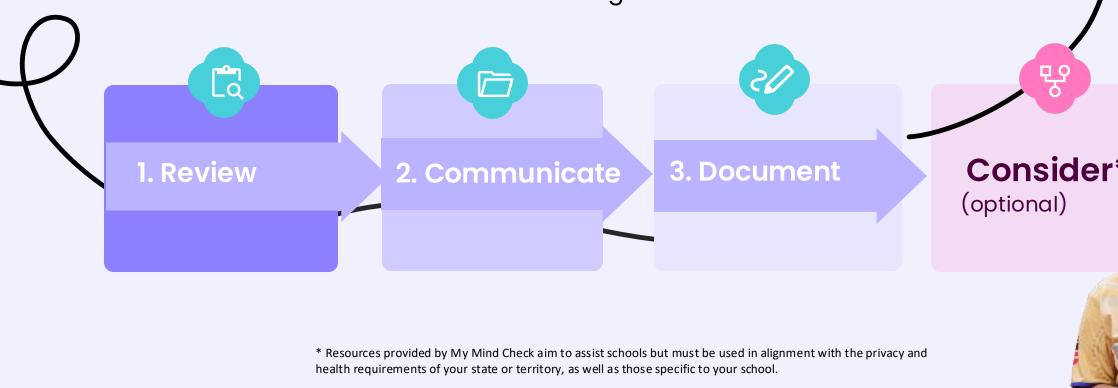
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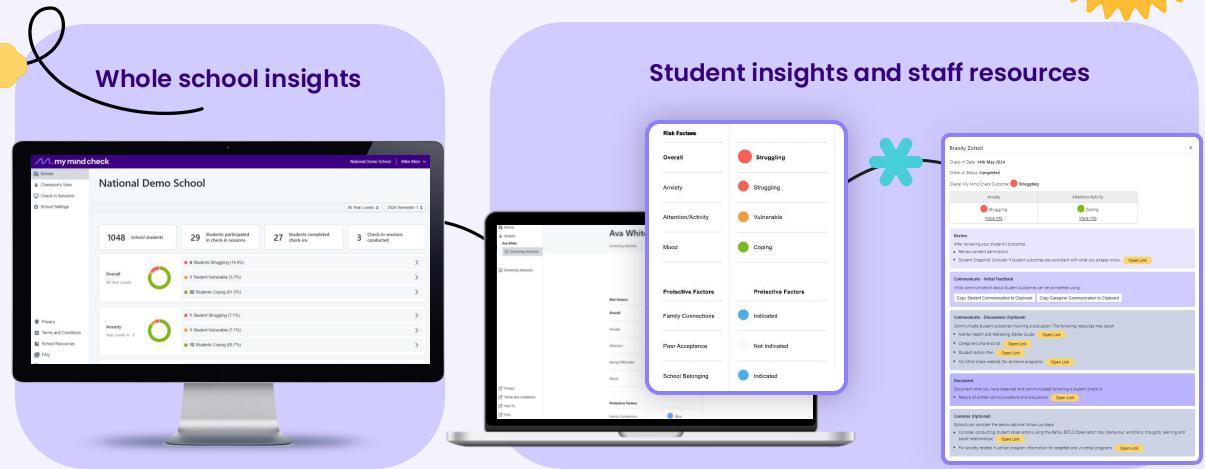




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School and student insights





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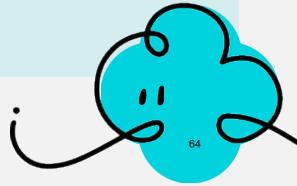
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'One girl came into my office and said thank you so much for checking in, it really made me want to do something about my anxiety and I'm now getting some help.'

Head of Wellbeing



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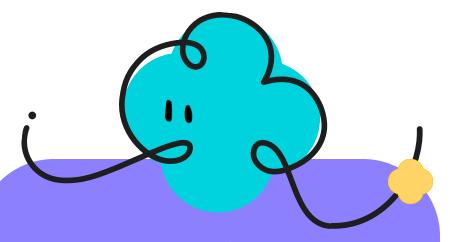
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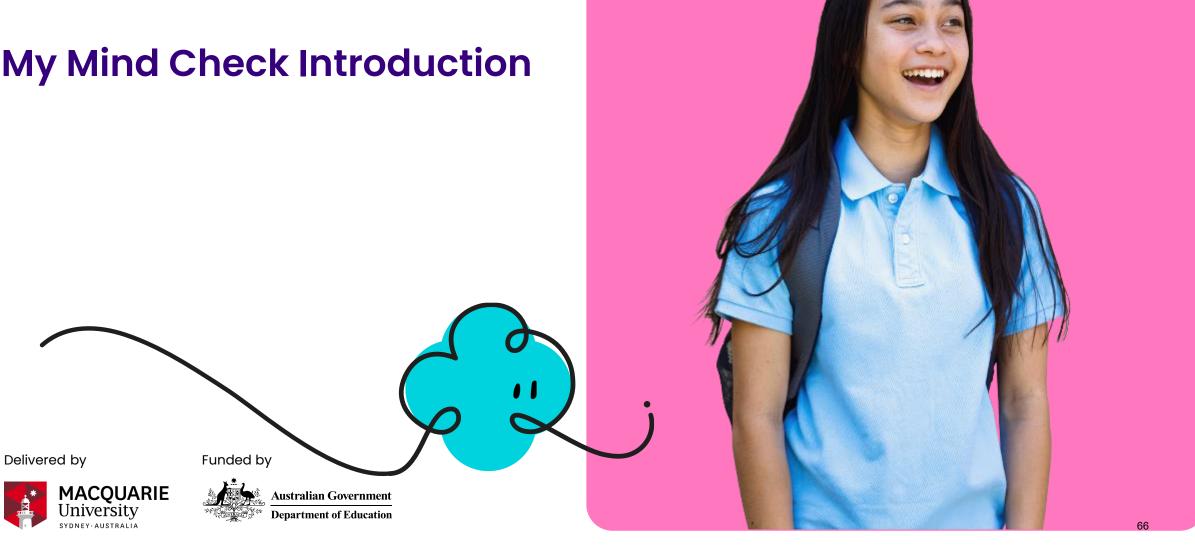


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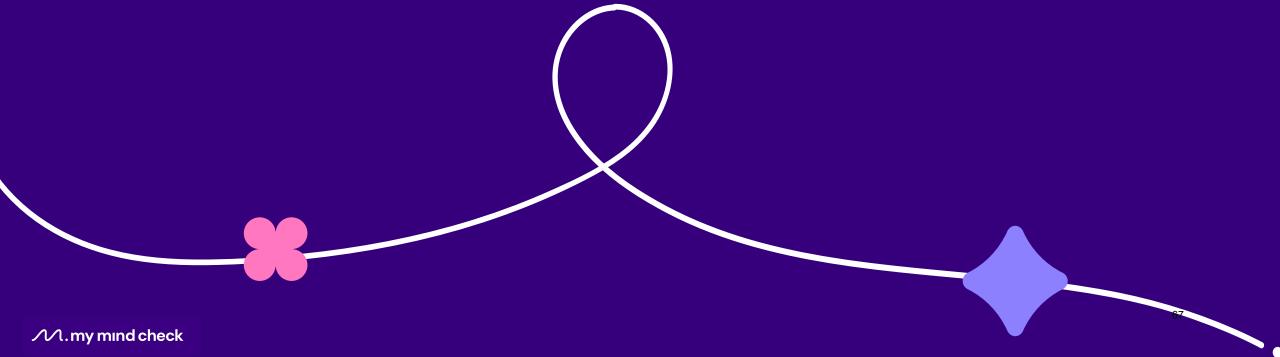


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**My Mind Check Introduction** 



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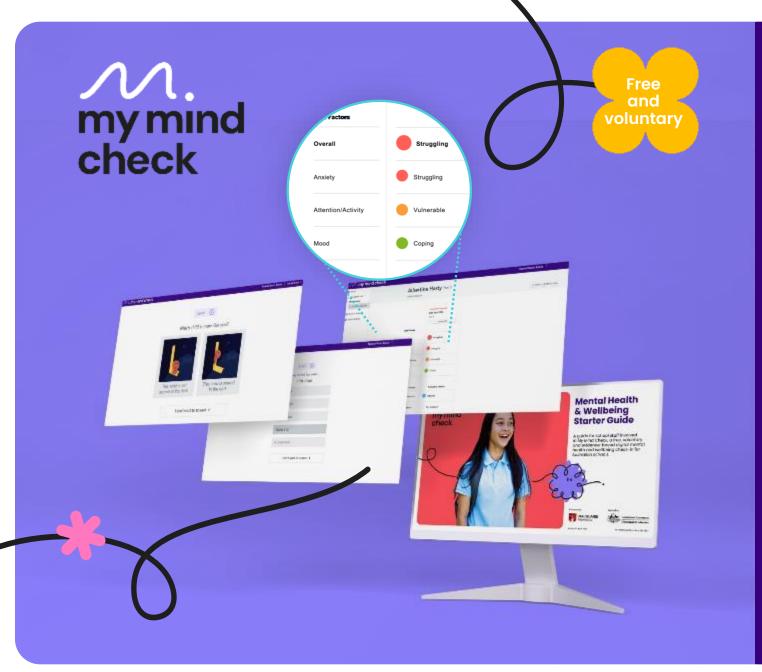


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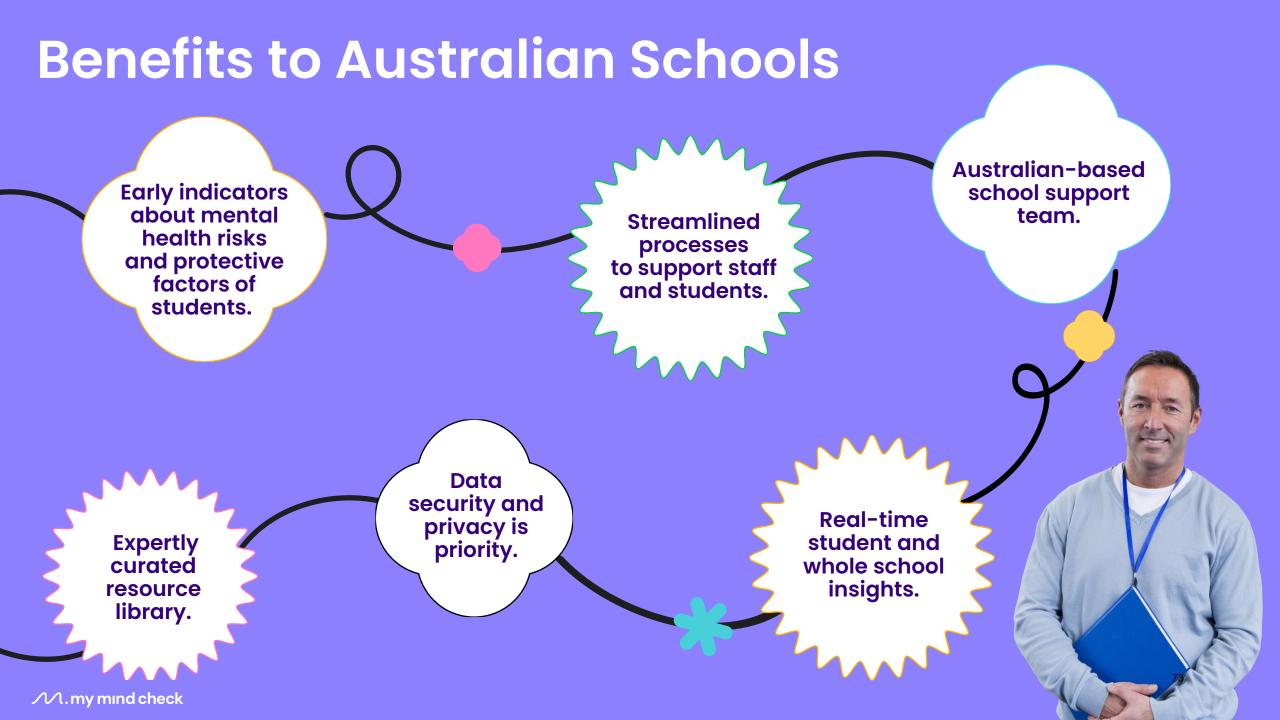
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**Research studies** 

Years 2000 - 2022

My Mind Check development

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Product validation & refinement

~14,000 students in NSW (70+ schools) BEACON and RADAR 90+
nationwide

consultations

182
end-user respondents
(nationally representative)

99%
end users\*
agree it would

be a valuable tool for schools

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## My Mind Check fits into the school wellbeing ecosystem

**Understand** Health your student Attendance information better **Academics** My mind check Observations The missing piece of information about students **NAPLAN** Information Demographic from caregivers data

Department of Education
Mental Health Menus

Helplines

Share

outcomes

 Government and health professional directories and websites

Evidence-based in-school programs

 Educator training, support and resources

Youth mental health website and services

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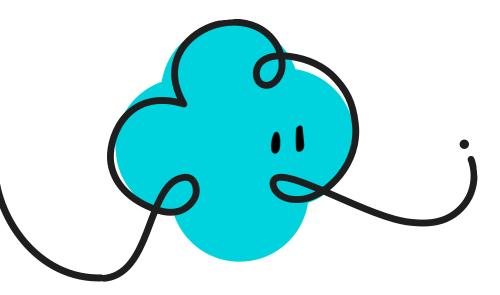
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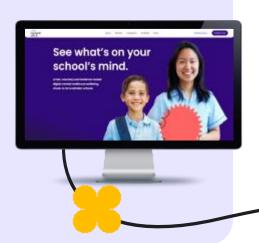


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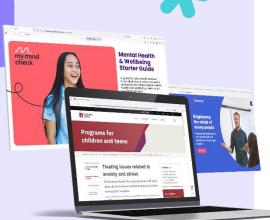
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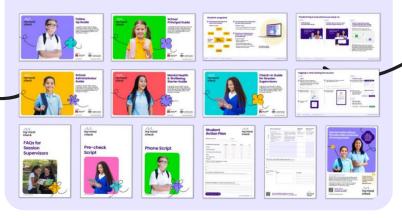
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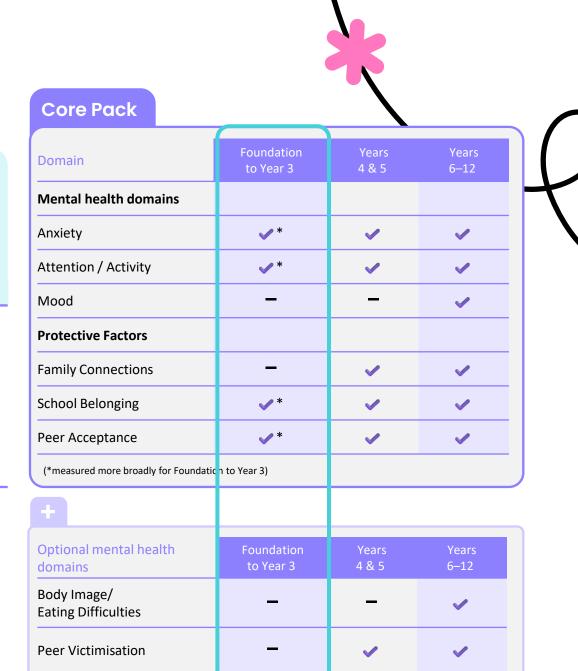
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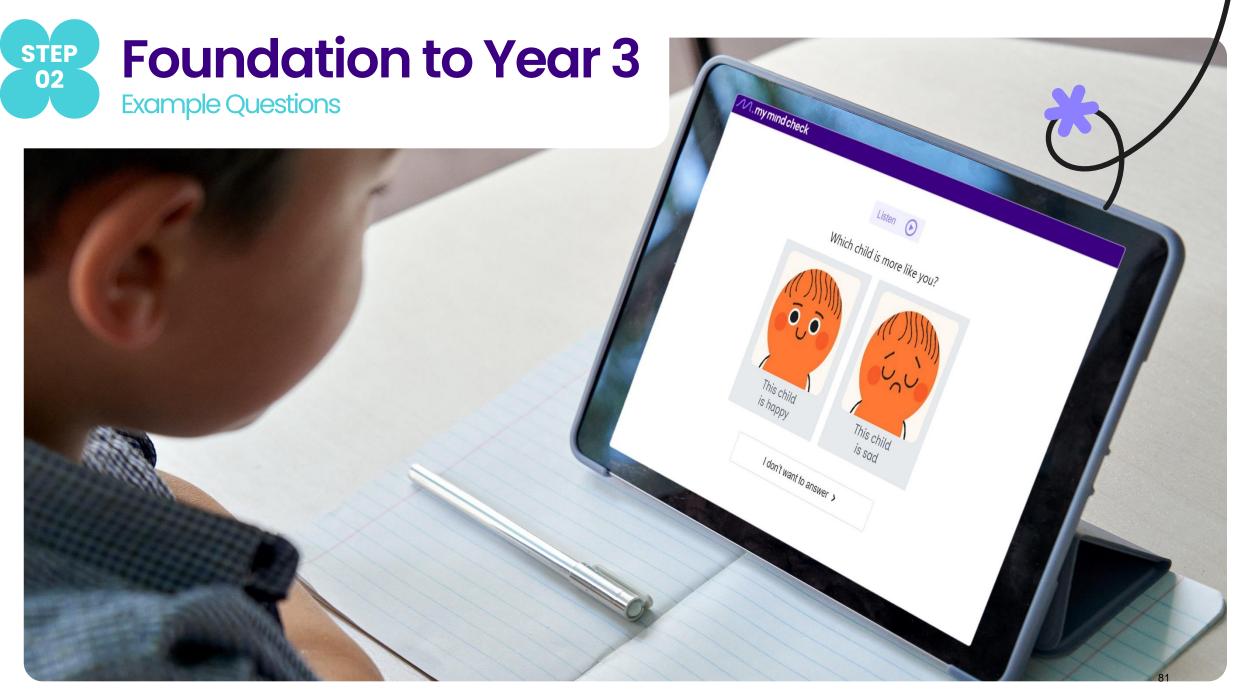
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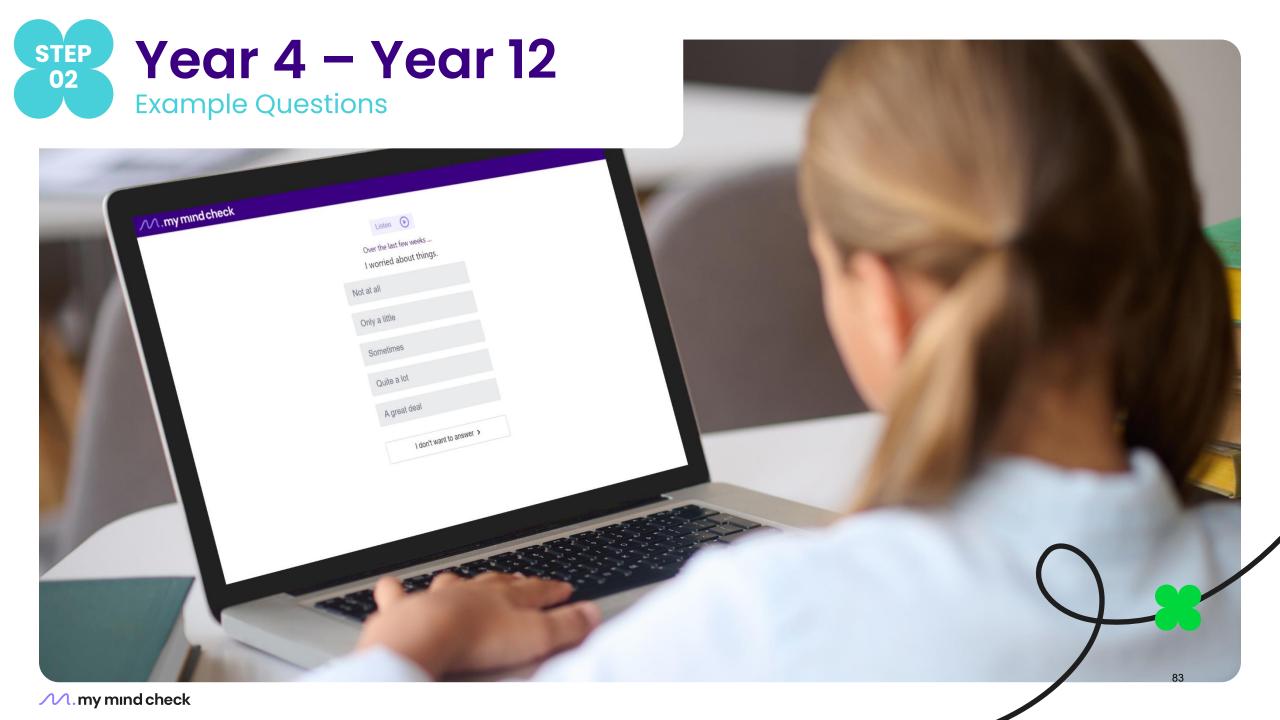
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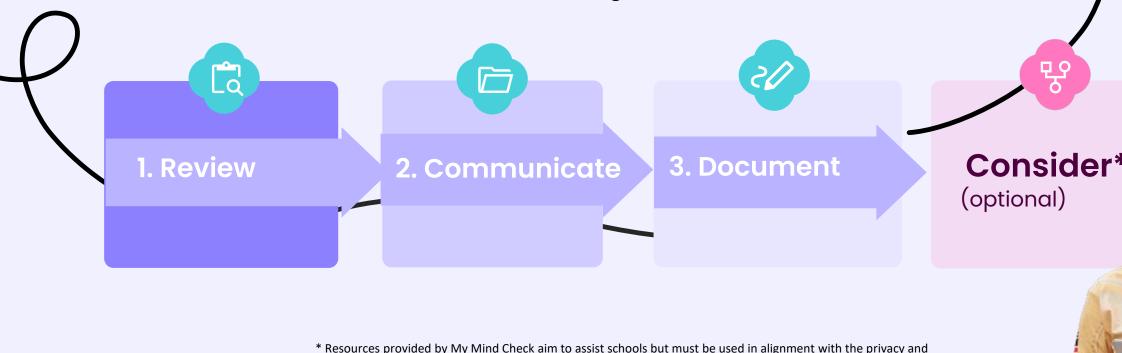
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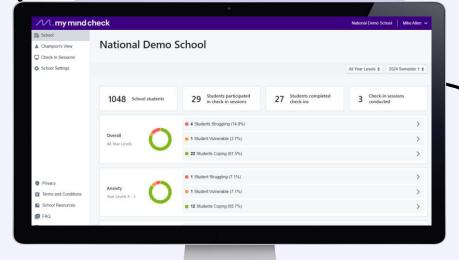


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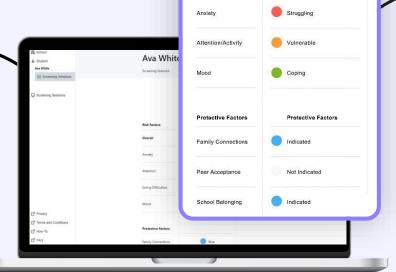


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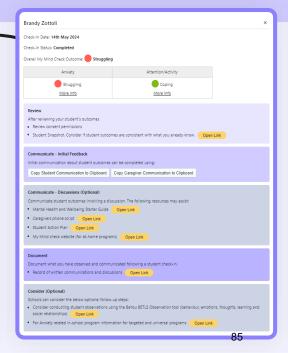
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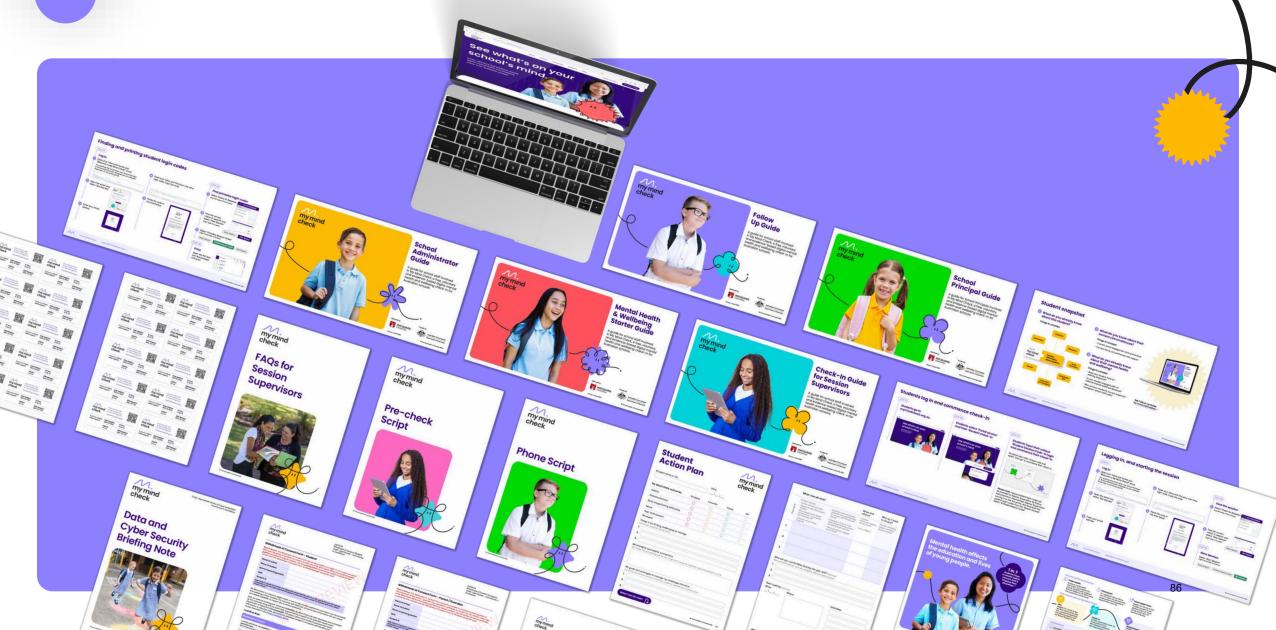
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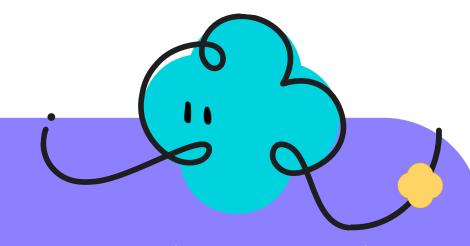


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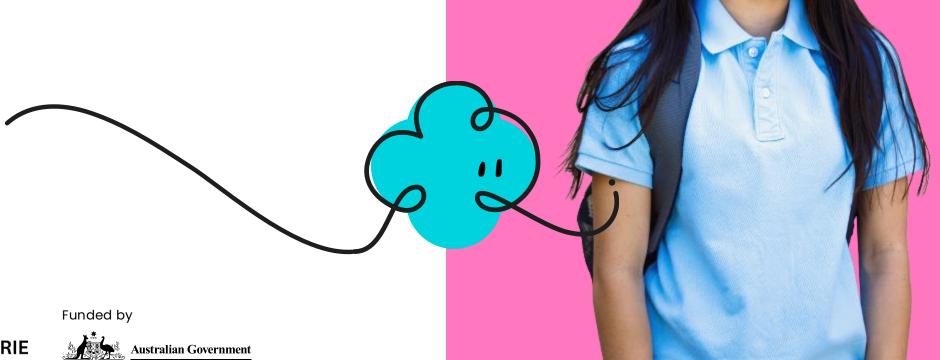
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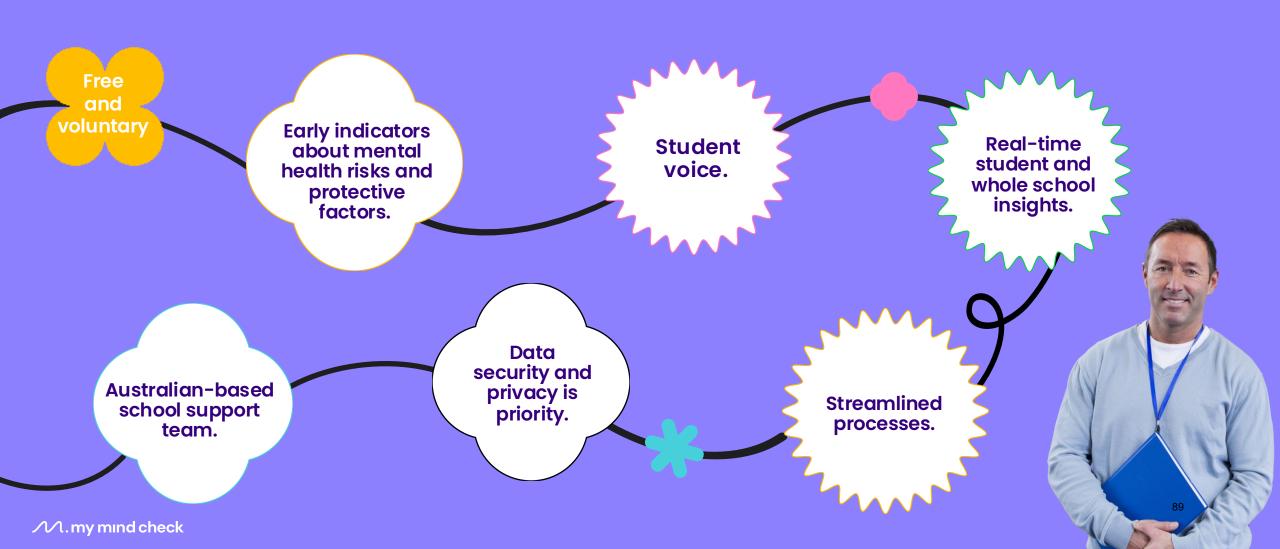


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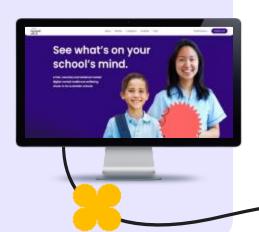


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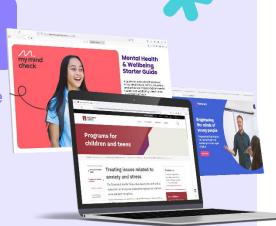
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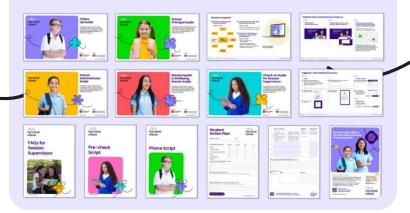
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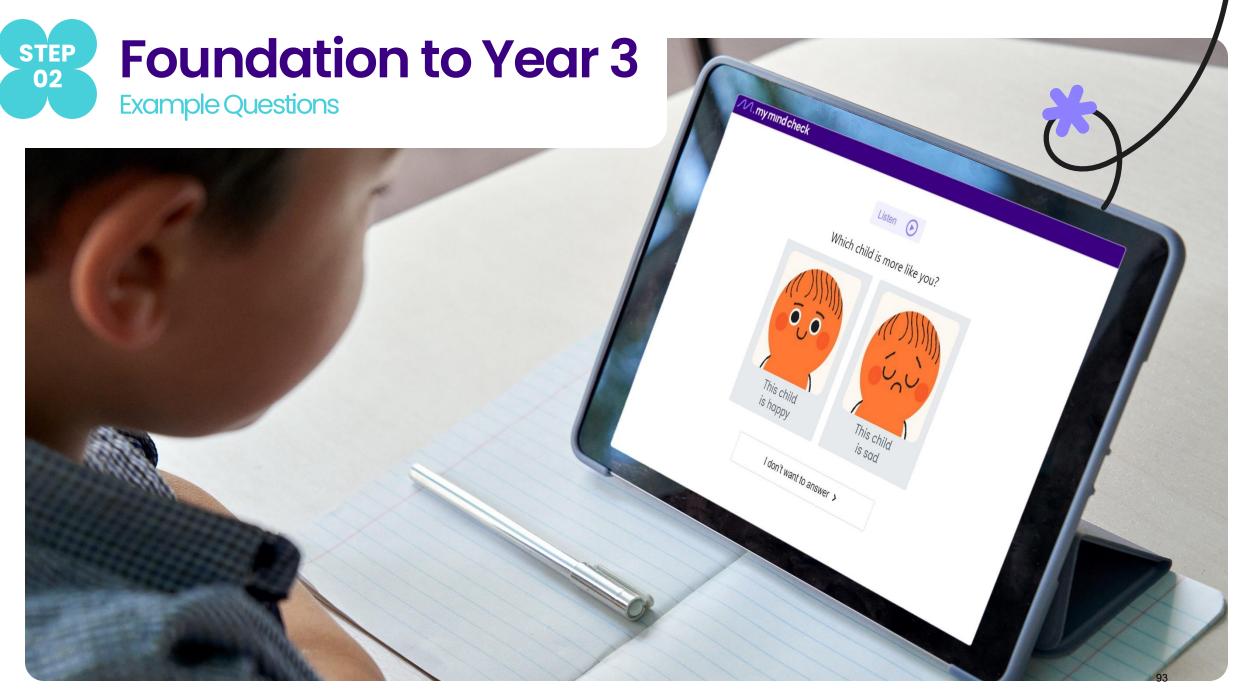
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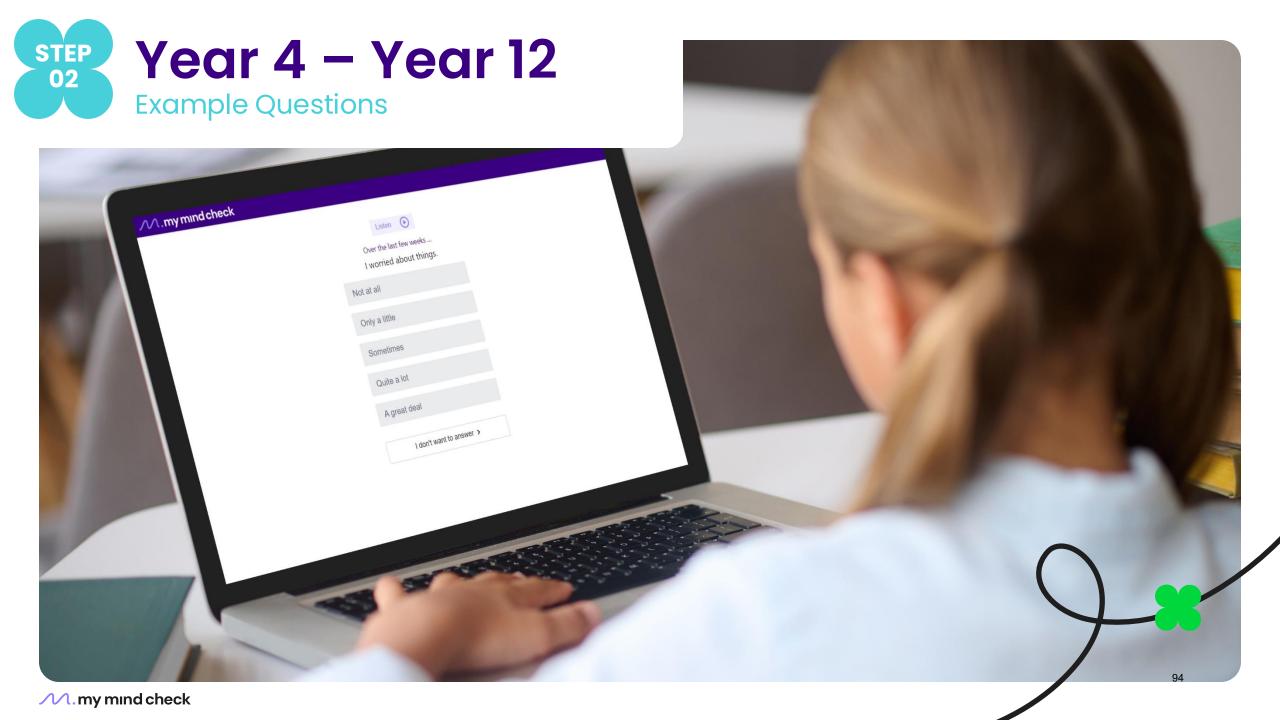


Domain	Foundation to Year 3	Years 4 & 5	Years 6–12
Mental health domains			
Anxiety	<b>√</b> *	✓	✓
Attention / Activity	<b>√</b> *	✓	<b>√</b>
Mood	_	_	✓
Protective Factors			
Family Connections	_	✓	✓
School Belonging	<b>√</b> *	✓	✓
Peer Acceptance	<b>√</b> *	✓	✓
(*measured more broadly for Foundation to Year 3)			



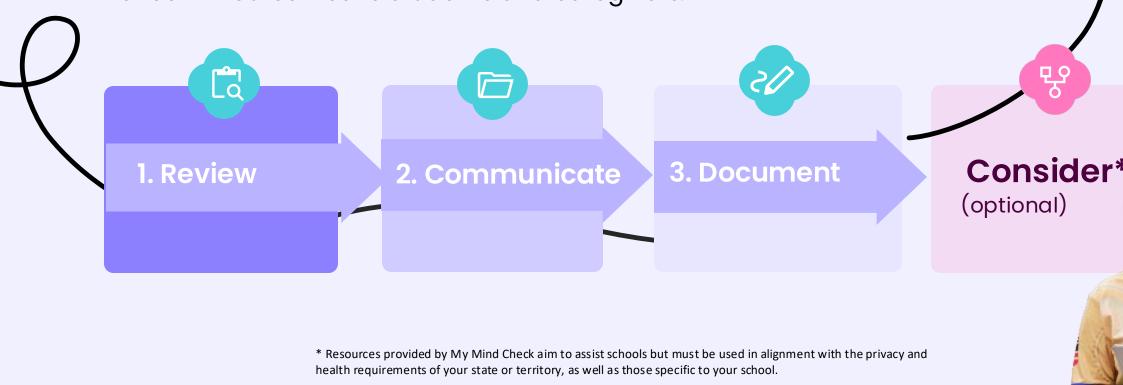
Optional mental health domains	Foundation to Year 3	Years 4 & 5	Years 6–12
Body Image/ Eating Difficulties	_	-	<b>✓</b>
Peer Victimisation	-	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>



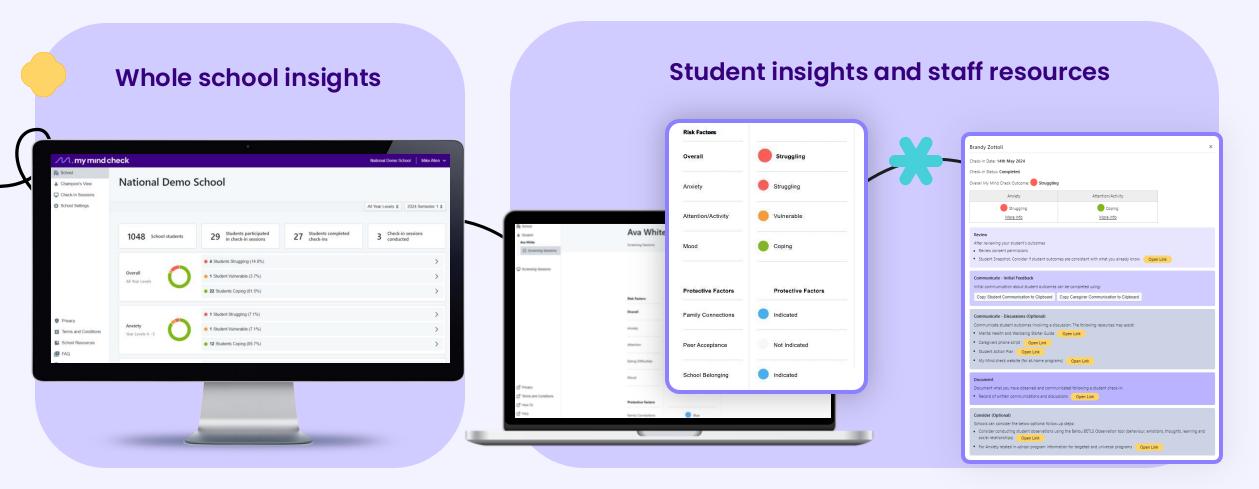


#### Respond (post check-in)

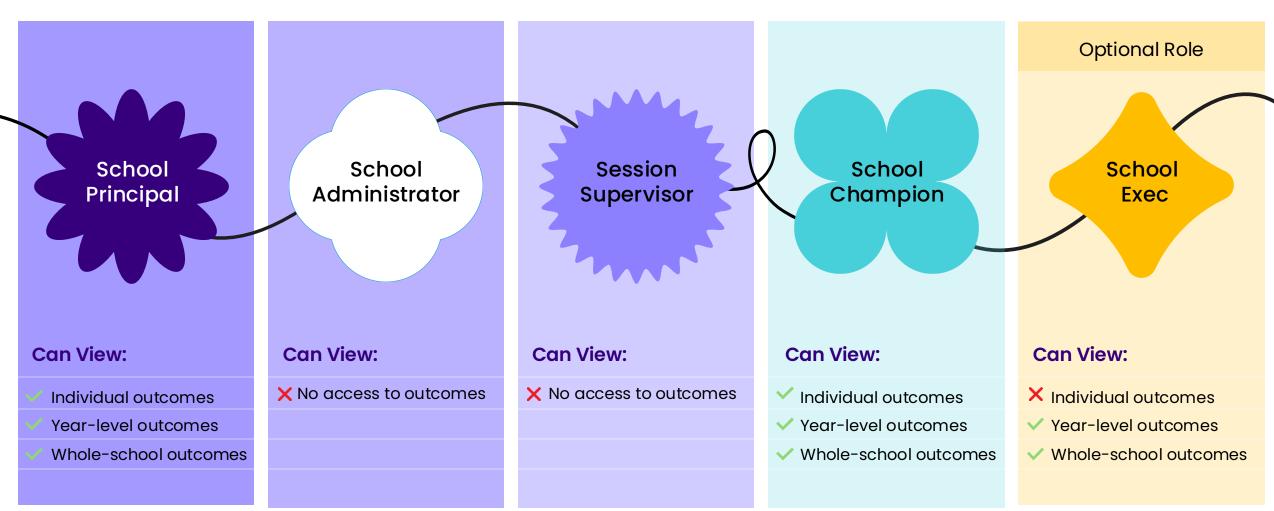
Once a check-in has been completed, school staff are provided with a **clear and simple stepped process** to assist communicating check-in outcomes to students and caregivers.



# Portal Showcase School and student insights



#### **My Mind Check Roles**

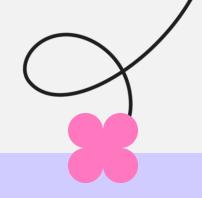


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#### Considerations for your school



Current policies and practices for student wellbeing

Wellbeing goals and initiatives



Whole school wellbeing culture

## my mind check

School Support Team

#### Which domain pack(s)?

· Core domains and additional domains

#### Timing?

- Existing programs and special events (e.g., wellbeing days, Term 1 orientation)
- Collecting consent (opt-in)

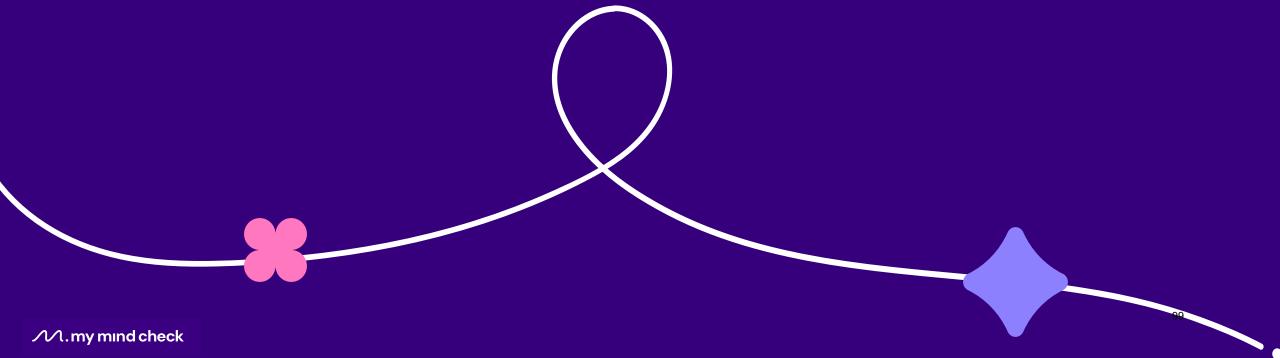
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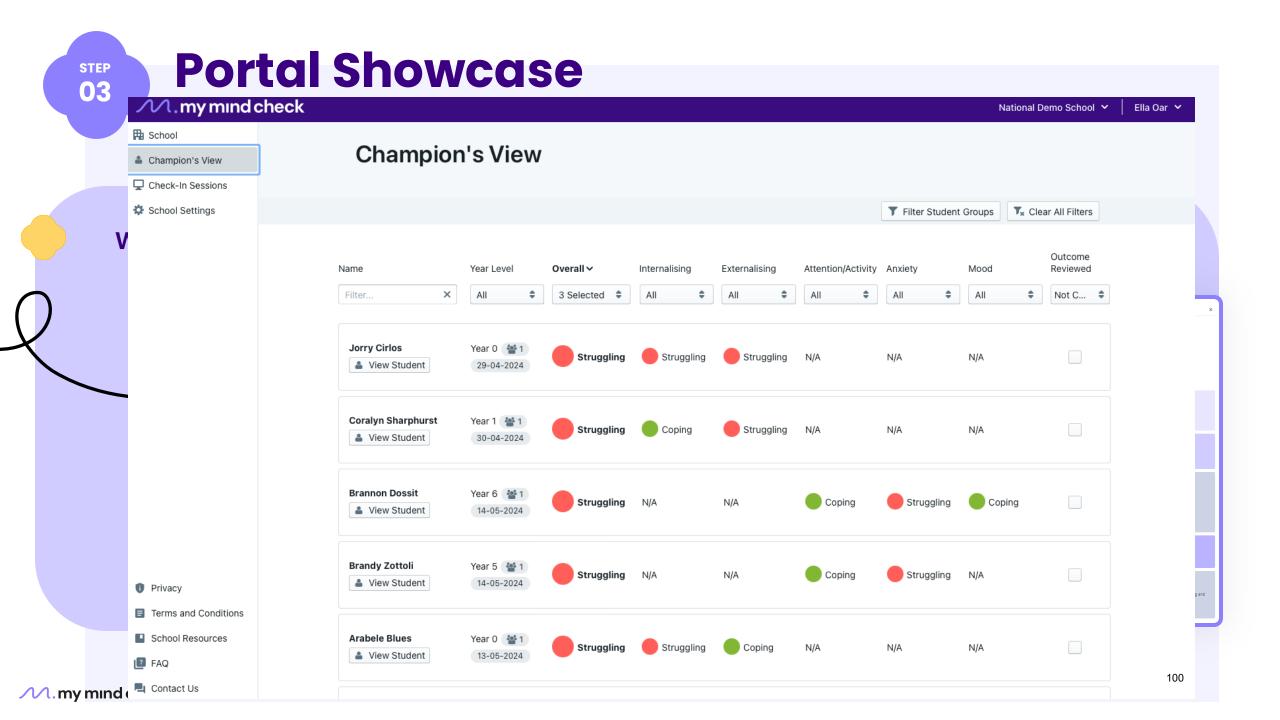
- Year group(s)
- School staff to champion My Mind Check at your school

Sharing My Mind Check with your school's decision makers and wellbeing team

School principal will need to sign My Mind Check Use Agreement

## Appendix





#### **My Mind Check Roles**

My Mind Check role	Responsibilities
School Principal	<ul><li>Signs Licence Agreement</li><li>Can view student outcomes</li></ul>
School Champions	Reviews outcomes and follows up
Session Supervisors	Runs and supervises check-ins
School Administrators	<ul><li>Adds staff and students</li><li>Can schedule sessions</li></ul>

<sup>\*</sup> Recommendations and resources provided by My Mind Check aim to assist schools but must be used in line with the privacy and health requirements of your state or territory, as well as those specific to your school.

#### Data security and privacy

### Secure data handling

My Mind Check adheres to **Commonwealth standards** of cyber security and privacy.

Our handling processes are supported by independent security evaluation and testing.

All data is **encrypted** and **stored in Australia**.





- Collect as little personal information as possible
  - Access to student outcomes only available to authorised staff
    - Utilise data encryption and login authentication
    - Clear information about who may access information and for what purpose
    - Commonwealth (and state/territory departments) only access uptake and usability information
  - Macquarie University accesses de-identified data for quality assurance, service improvement and research publication

#### Robust product development

**Research studies** 

Years 2000 - 2022

My Mind Check development

2023 - 2024

Product validation & refinement

~14,000 students in NSW (70+ schools) BEACON and RADAR ;<u>å</u>:

nationwide consultations

182
end-user
respondents
(nationally
representative)

99%

end users\* agree it would be a valuable tool for schools

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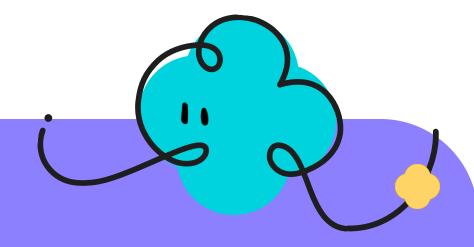
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I like that this can address the invisible workload of teachers in supporting student wellbeing.

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