INFORMATION SHEET

The University of South Australia’s longitudinal investigation of school-leavers.

Dear Participant,

In Year 10 you completed a questionnaire for the School of Psychology at the University of South Australia. The research team would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the valuable information we gained from your participation in the study.

It has now come to that time of the year that we would like to invite you to participate once again in this very important study. The research aims to produce an understanding of work experiences and wellbeing, including what predicts successful employment, and how people cope with unfavourable working conditions.

Similar to the questionnaire you completed previously, this one asks about your health and wellbeing, and any experiences you may have had with employment. It should again take approximately 30–40 minutes to complete.

This year the questionnaire may be completed in ONE of two ways.

EITHER:

1. Complete the enclosed paper survey and post it back to us in the reply-paid envelope supplied. (You do not need to buy a stamp, just place it straight into a letterbox).

OR:

2. Complete the survey ONLINE. If you choose this option, simply go to http://www.stresscafe.net/ and follow the directions to the School Leavers’ Survey. When you are asked for your ID number at the beginning of the questionnaire, please type in:

Everyone receives $15 when they complete the survey online or via post. The money will be sent to your home address. Please ensure that you have supplied us with your current postal address.

You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to and are free to withdraw from the study at any time. All information collected as part of the study will remain confidential and will be retained for seven years at the School of Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy at the University of South Australia. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss the study further you may contact Silvia Pignata on (08) 8302 4121 or silvia.pignata@unisa.edu.au

If you wish to discuss aspects of the study with someone not directly involved, you may contact the UniSA Ethics Officer, Ms Vicki Allen on (08) 8302 3118; email, vicki.allen@unisa.edu.au