**University and gap year resources for students**

## The University of Sydney are collaborating with University of Canberra, University of Wollongong and the Country Education Foundation to develop and evaluate a free and non-branded information resource to help people decide about taking a gap year. A ‘gap year’ means taking a year ‘off study’ between the end of high school and starting university.The resource

If you haven’t seen at this resource yet, we encourage you to take a look. Visit [astar.tv/gapyear.](http://astar.tv/gapyear) You will find videos, information sheets and decision making activities designed to help you think through gap year and university decisions; new, free content is available on the website every month (and we can send you this via monthly email if you choose to subscribe).

## Have your say

In addition to making this new resource, the researchers are keen to better understand gap year decision making in regional NSW and are doing a research project. If you are in Year 12 and deciding about a gap year, the researchers are interested to hear what you have to say.  Participation in the research is voluntary and you can use the resource without doing the research.

**Here’s how you can volunteer to participate in the research project:**

Year 12 students can complete a 7-minute survey about their post-high school plans. All Year 12 students are eligible to participate and you can access the participant information sheet: <http://bit.ly/PIS-Year12s>, and survey here <https://bit.ly/GY12Survey>. This survey isn’t directly about the website or resource; but completing this survey will help us better understand how regional students are thinking about gap years, generally.

**PLEASE NOTE**: If you have difficulty with the links in this email, then you can access the same information sheets and survey / sign up links via our research website. astar.tv/gapyear/research

## More information

## If you have any questions about the research or the monthly email resource please contact Sam McMahon (samantha.mcmahon@sydney.edu.au or 02 8627 5137).