



## Online Learning Research

### **Who is the Digital Child?**

#### [Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Digital Child](#)

Directed by Professor Susan Danby and based at QUT in Brisbane, the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Digital Child. has six nodes across Australia. Significant funding provided by both State and Federal Government and equally matched by other financial and non-for-profit partners, both National and International, including ICPA Qld, will enable research into educated, connected and healthy children in a digital age.

The Digital Child Centre's focus is across all facets of the community, socioeconomic and geographical standings with a mission of positive digital futures. The Centre passionately believes in co-design and are very enthusiastic for ICPA Qld's input and ICPA members' participation.

### **Digital Child's Vision**

Their vision is for Australian children to be healthy, educated and connected in a digital world.

The target group is from birth to 8 years and this research is the first in Australia to have both early childhood education and education as its codes.

### **Purpose**

The Digital Child will provide evidence-based transdisciplinary research related to children and digital technologies that leads to positive outcomes for children. They aim to enhance public understanding, inform policymakers, and provide guidance for families, educators and technology creators to support children to be confident growing up in a rapidly changing digital world.

### **Strategic Objectives**

1. Lead a comprehensive research program globally in children's use of digital technology.
2. Translate our research findings to create more united understandings across disciplines, governments, communities, and families.
3. Be recognised and valued by the Australian community as a respected and trusted voice regarding children's use of digital technology because of the evidence-knowledge we communicate.
4. Inspire, [equip](#), and mentor the next generation of researchers to examine the impact of current and emerging digital technologies on the lives of children.
5. To create and nurture a true transdisciplinary research culture that respects difference and values diverse research-informed views.

## How will ICPA Qld work with the Digital Child?

- ICPA Qld will provide in-kind support and effectively be knowledge brokers between the Digital Child and ICPA families Australia wide.
- ICPA Qld will assist in the creation of additional core projects.
- ICPA families will be invited to participate in appropriate research projects.
- ICPA Qld will assist the Digital Child with translation pieces to inform members of research findings and share translation pieces.
- Use research findings to support ICPA Qld's lobby.
- ICPA members can expect to be well informed of any up-to-date findings with regards to children's digital education, connectedness and health.

## What ICPA Qld plans to achieve?

ICPA Qld believes it is vital to have rural and remote students included in these research projects to generate appropriate data. With rural and remote students at the coalface of online learning these students will not only offer vital statistics but additionally greatly benefit from key findings.

Derived research will additionally support ICPA Qld's lobby and where appropriate, providing evidential data and factual information.

ICPA Qld encourages members, Australia wide, to keep an eye out for upcoming invitations to participate in research project and encourages participation where possible.

## How can members get involved?

ICPA Qld will share invitations with members.

To stay up to date or for further information please contact ICPA Qld State Council's Communication Portfolio Leader or find more information on the website under the Communications tab.



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