

## Understanding Roblox Play

### About our Project

We are Hugh Davies and Larissa Hjorth. We work at RMIT University. We study how young people play with Roblox and how the game is used in their everyday lives.

We are inviting young people (9 to 18) who play Roblox to take part in our study.

The study has two parts. In the first part, you just need to play Roblox as you normally do while we watch for half an hour. In the second part, we will ask you more questions about Roblox for another half an hour. We might ask you questions about how you play, if you play alone, or with friends, or with people online, and when you play. We may take photos of you playing and of your screen, but we will check first if you are ok with this, and you can ask that we delete any of the photos that you don't like. So, the two parts of the study will take about one hour. If you like, we can just only do the interview, and not watch you play. It's up to you.

If you want to take part, we can do this at your house, or online using Microsoft Teams. It depends on what you prefer, and on COVID lockdowns.

### Taking Part

Taking part in our project is totally voluntary. You don't have to if you don't want to. Both you and your parent have to say that it is ok for you to take part. If you choose to take part and then change your mind, you can stop at any time. That's no problem. You can choose not to be a part of this project at any time from when we first contact you to one month after we have watched you play and spoken to you. Again, that's no problem at all.

### Information about you

All the stuff you tell us and any photos we take will be kept secret and confidential in locked cabinets and password protected computers and can only be seen by the researchers. Any published work that uses this research will use fake names to disguise your identity. None of the photos will show your face or anything else that will show people that it is you. But it is possible that people who know you well might be able to recognise you from the answers you give us. Once we have finished our project, the information will be stored securely for five (5) years before being deleted.

### Who are the Researchers?

The research is being done at RMIT University (Larissa Hjorth and Hugh Davies).

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