

Studying Swearing in Multicultural Australia

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STUDY DETAILS:

A study about swearing, what the hell?

Swearing is said to be quite common in Australian English. But how common is it really? Do all Australians enjoy swearing? Looking at how multicultural Australia is, does your heritage influence how you swear? To answer these and more questions a new study is comparing swearing among three groups, Anglo-Celtic, Chinese and Italian Australians, as well as different generations. Wanna join in the fun?

YOUR CHOICES:

The study is in three parts. You can choose to participate in one, two or all three:

- 1) Survey:** Complete a **15-20-minute** survey.
- 2) Interviews:** Talk about your views and experiences regarding swearing in a **one-hour** personal interview.
- 3) Group Conversations:** Be part of a **30-minute** recorded group conversation with friends, family or co-workers capturing casual Australian English.

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IF:

- You are at least **18 years old or over**.
- You are either a **native speaker of Australian English** (born in Australia or lived here since the age of five) **OR** have **lived in Australia** for ideally the **past 10 years**.
- You have **Anglo-Celtic, Italian or Chinese heritage**.
 - Anglo-Celtic heritage includes **English, Irish, Scottish** and **Welsh** heritage.
 - For the purpose of this study **Chinese heritage** is **limited to** persons with familial links to **mainland China and special territories like Hong Kong and Macau**. **Ethnic Chinese from other countries** like Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia etc. **cannot take part in the study**.

NOTE:

- **All generations, from 18- to 90-year-olds**, are invited to participate.
- **You don't have to be fully Anglo-Celtic, Chinese or Italian**, some ancestry from one of the groups is enough. It is fine if you are ethnically mixed.
- You are welcome to **participate even if you don't swear**. Your view on swearing is just as valuable for this study.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1) Survey: Can be completed online or filled out on paper.

To **access the survey**, scan the QR-code or go to:
<https://swearing.questionpro.com>



To start the survey, enter the **password**: bloody

2) Interviews: Can take place in a quiet room at the Bundoora or City campus of La Trobe University or at another place convenient for you, e.g. your home.



To **sign up for an interview**, scan the QR-code or go to: <https://calendly.com/swearing/interview>

Interviewees will be rewarded with sweet and savoury treats ☺.

3) Group Conversations: You can record a conversation anywhere you like and send it to c.krafzik@latrobe.edu.au afterwards. The groups can be ethnically mixed and not everyone has to be Anglo-Celtic, Chinese or Italian.

If you think your family, friends or co-workers might be interested in contributing to a collection of casual Australian English in group conversations please **contact Carolin Krafzik** (c.krafzik@latrobe.edu.au).

All interviews and conversations will be anonymised later (names changed; any identifying material removed).

Feel free to invite your friends, family, co-workers and wider social circle to participate in the study! Everyone is welcome from your grandparents to your distant cousins!

This research has been reviewed and approved by The La Trobe University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or concerns about the research study, please email humanethics@latrobe.edu.au or phone +61 3 9479 1443 quoting the following number HEC21014.