



## Key Findings of the *Australian Attitudes to Young People Survey*

- Nine in ten adults (92 per cent) ranked “our children grow up healthy, happy and able to develop their full capacities as people and citizens” as the most important factor in making Australia a better country over the next 20 years
- 69 per cent of respondents (and 72 per cent who are parents) agree that increased pressures on parents’ time are making it harder for them to give their children the attention they need
- 54 per cent of respondents believe parenting today has become harder than it was 20 years ago (57 per cent of parents and 48 per cent of non-parents)
- Nearly three quarters of respondents (71 per cent) believe society shares the responsibility for improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people, yet only 39 per cent of adults working in our society typically consider the wellbeing of children and young people when making decisions
- Four in ten Australian adults (40 per cent) believe the physical health of children is worse than their generation
- 43 per cent of respondents believe the physical health of teenagers is worse now than when they were teenagers
- More than half (53 per cent) of respondents believe the mental health of teenagers is worse now than when they were teenagers
- Nearly half (48 per cent) of respondents believe the wellbeing of teenagers is worse now than when they were teenagers
- “Being loved and valued” is ranked as the most important for making life good for children and young people (55 per cent), with “being part of a community” and “having the material basics they need” ranked the lowest importance (3 per cent each)