Litter survey template

Respondent number: ______________  1a. Age: ______________  1b. Gender: ______________

2. What is litter?

_________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

3. Do you think the school has a litter problem?
   □ Yes (go to next question)
   □ No (go to question 8)

4. How big is the litter problem?
   □ Only occasionally a problem
   □ Only a problem in some areas of the school
   □ Only a problem with some students
   □ Whole school problem

5. Who is the biggest contributor to litter?
   □ Teachers
   □ All students
   □ Specific year level: ______________________________
   □ Specific lunch area: ______________________________
   □ People outside the school fence

6. How concerned are you about a litter problem?
   □ Not concerned at all
   □ Not very concerned
   □ Not sure
   □ A little concerned
   □ Very concerned
7. What do you think are the most commonly littered items at school?
   - Food packaging items
   - Food scraps
   - Paper and cardboard
   - Large/hard rubbish
   - Drink bottles/containers
   - Other: ________________________________

8. Do you think litter is a potential hazard to humans?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Maybe

9. Do you think litter is a potential hazard to the environment?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Maybe

10. How concerned are you about litter in the environment?
    - Not concerned at all
    - Not very concerned
    - Not sure
    - A little concerned
    - Very concerned

11. Can you give an example of litter as a potential hazard to humans or the environment?
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    ________________________________
    ________________________________
12. Whose responsibility is it to clean up litter at school?

- The litterer
- Students
- The groundsman
- The cleaners
- Teachers
- Other: ________________________________

13. How far are you willing to walk to a bin?

- 1 metre
- 5 metres
- 10 metres
- 20 metres
- 50 metres
- 100 metres

14. If you need to dispose of some ‘litter’ at school, but the nearest bin is overflowing, what do you do?

- Try to put it on top of the full bin
- Drop it on the ground next to the bin
- Find another bin
- Leave it on the ground where you were
- Put it in your pocket/bag to dispose of later
- Other: ________________________________
15. If you saw someone littering, what action would you take? (you can select more than one option)

☐ Suggest to them that they pick it up and put it in a bin
☐ Pick it up yourself and put it in an appropriate bin
☐ Report the action to someone in authority
☐ Do nothing
☐ Other: ____________________________

16. Why do you think people litter? (you can select more than one option)

☐ Apathy: don’t care, too lazy
☐ Can’t find an appropriate bin
☐ Peer influence/pressure: being seen putting litter in a bin is not ‘cool’
☐ A way to rebel against rules/authority
☐ Lack of pride in a place (e.g. school) and its appearance
☐ Lack of understanding about the potential impacts of litter
☐ Belief that it is someone else’s responsibility to clean up litter
☐ Other: ____________________________

17. How do you think we can get people to stop littering?

☐ Education – posters, assembly presentations
☐ Litter pick-up as a punishment
☐ Have a consequence if teachers see students littering
☐ More bins
☐ Bins maintained – cleaned up, signage, in a better location
☐ Competition between classes for the cleanest area