Student motivation in schooling

To mark World Children's Day, UNICEF Australia commissioned a national survey of secondary students* to gather their views about the education system. Here are some of the results.

A clear majority of students surveyed were positively motivated in relation to their schooling:
- 65% see school as an opportunity to get into university
- 63% said they want to do well to make their parents proud
- 62% see school as being important to getting a good job
- 58% said they are prepared to work hard to get better grades

Almost half the students surveyed said they felt positively about school because of their friends:
- 49%

This view was more common among students attending non-government schools (58%) than government schools (46%).

Additional activities offered, like sport, music and acting, had positive motivation for four in 10:
- 40%

This view was more common among students attending non-government schools (47%) than government schools (38%), and by more students in capital cities (45%) than regions (33%).


*YouGov Galaxy national survey of 1001 students aged 14-16.