

e-girls connect

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This is a collaborative research partnership established between Zonta and the SiMERR National Centre to undertake an evaluation of the e-girls day, held 16 June, and long-term tracking of participants to monitor ICT-related study and career choices. The aim is to determine how the girls' future study and career choices are influenced by participation in relevant ICT experiences. The significance of this research is to provide relevant evaluation for those planning future e-girls days and to provide information for those teachers and careers advisors assisting girls, interested in ICT-related careers, to make study and career choices.

An e-girls connect web-supported environment has been established to support the participants before and after the e-girls day, and for a subsequent eight year period during their crucial years of secondary and tertiary study choices as well as their initial career choices. The e-girls connect environment allows the participants to share personal profiles with the other e-girls participants via a secure password-protected system, to communicate in a bulletin board format with peers and role models, and to complete the various research surveys.

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