



The Nest

Young Australians at the Centre from Development to Delivery

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The Nest is about:

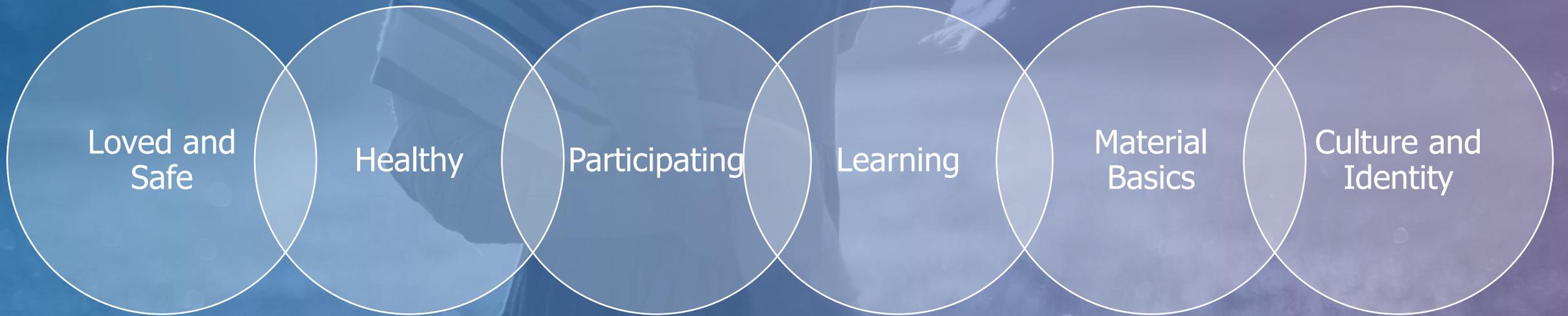
What matters most
for young people

The best evidence
on how to get
there

Shared goals and
commitment

Measuring impact
together

All young people are loved and safe, have material basics, are healthy, are learning and participating and have a positive sense of identity and culture



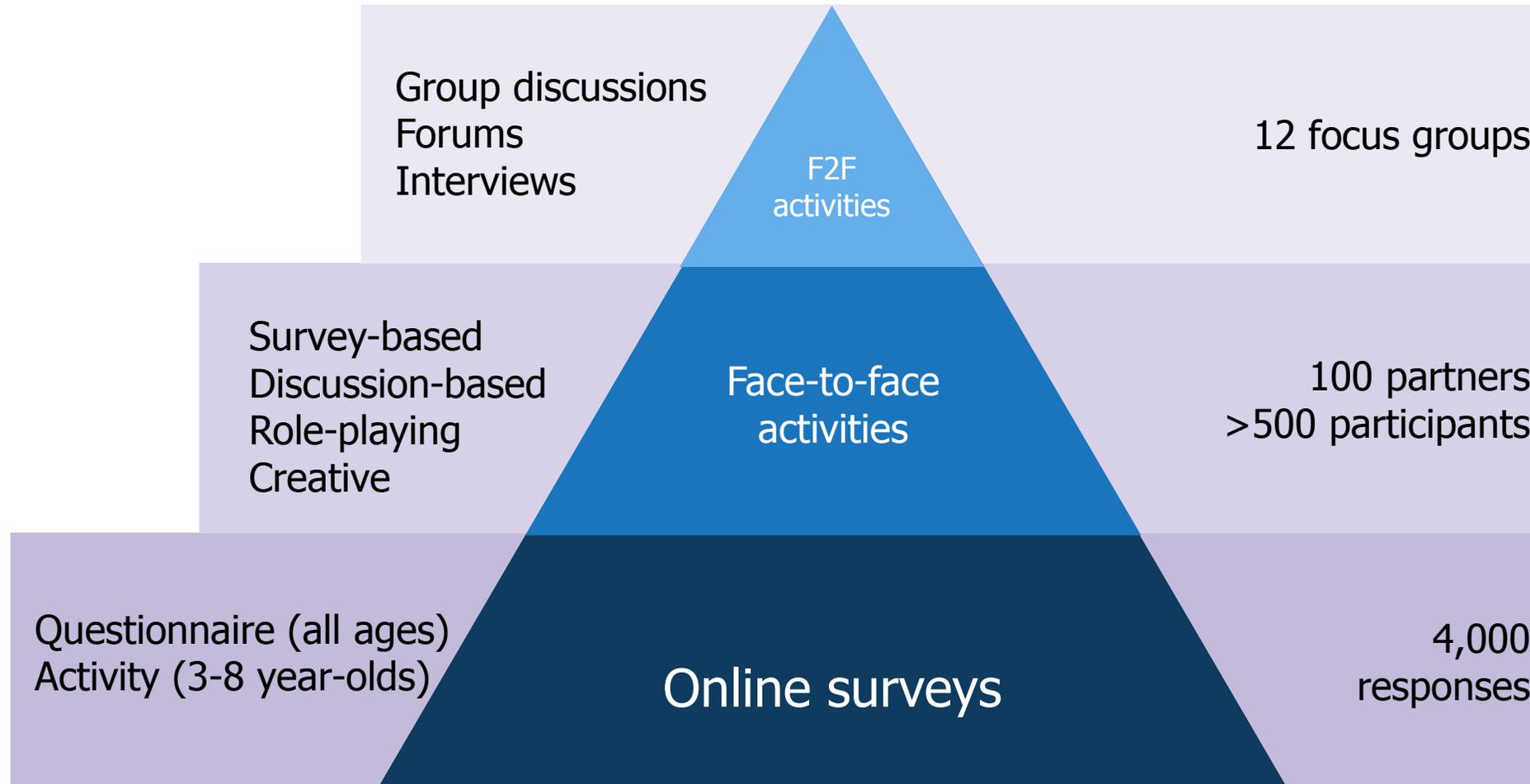
The Nest consultation



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4000 young
people and
families

200 experts

2 national
summits

The Nest – Participating



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- Youth able to have a say in decisions that affect them
- Voting enrolment by young people
- Use and engagement of technology and social media
- Membership of social, community, or civic groups

Participation: where adults and kids disagree most

- We consulted more than 5000 people for *The Nest*, including 1400 young people
- Mostly they agreed but...
- Young people rated their ability to participate much lower than did adults
- Do we genuinely listen to kids?

The Nest – Positive Sense of Culture and Identity



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- Central to the wellbeing of children and youth
- Particularly important for Indigenous, refugee and non-English background children
- Includes spiritual wellbeing



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Priority Directions

Improving early
childhood
learning and
development

Improving
educational
performance

Improving
physical health

Improving social
and emotional
wellbeing

Promoting
participation

Reducing
disadvantage
arising from
income disparity



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Operational principles of *The Nest*

A commitment to:

- The child at the centre
- Privileging ATSI knowledge
- A long-term, evidence-informed approach
- Prevention and early intervention
- A life-stage approach
- Systemic change using an outcomes approach

“These operational principles reflect evidence about what is needed while emphasising a strengths-based approach with close attention to the status and dignity of children as well as to their wellbeing.”



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The Nest is a resource for

- Keeping child and youth wellbeing at the centre of all our services and systems
- Embedding outcomes thinking and shared measurement in our work
- Articulating shared priorities for action
- Getting evidence into practice

Thank you



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