

**TABLE 1 Demographic characteristics of parents and children**

Parents	Cancer (n=65)	Control (n=81)	P value
Age			
Age in years: Mean (SD)	43.4 (6.4)	41.3 (5.4)	0.037*
Range	28-59	26-56	
Relationship to child: n (%)			
Mother	53 (81)	75 (89)	
Father	11 (17)	5 (10)	
Grandparent	1 (2)	0	
Step-parent	0	1(1)	
Highest level of education: n (%)			
Year 10	7 (11)	3 (4)	0.002*
Year 12	13 (20)	14 (17)	
Diploma	15 (23)	4 (5)	
Undergraduate degree	17 (26)	30 (36)	
Post graduate degree	11 (16)	28 (33)	
Hours of employment last week: Mean (SD)	21.2 (18.2)	27 (13.7)	0.011*
Range	0-60	0-45	
Parent health profile			
Self-reported health status n (%)			0.713
Fair			
Good	3 (5)	1(1)	
Very good	21 (32)	26(32)	
Excellent	28(43)	40(49)	
	12(19)	13(16)	
Parent BMI: Mean (SD)	24.4 (4.0)	24.1 (4.4)	0.349
Range	18-35	18- 41	
Geographic location from treating hospital			
Distance (KM) from SCH: Mean (SD)	128.1 (155.0)	215 (330.7)	0.053
Range	3-570	2- 982	
SEIFA score: Mean (SD)	1023.48 (83.9)	1041.13(53.5)	0.127
Child	Cancer (n=65)	Control (n=80)	
Age in years: Mean (SD)	9.63 (4.7)	8.3 (4.1)	0.804
Range	2-18 years	2-18 years	
Sex: n (%)			0.409
Female	28 (43)	42 (50)	
Male	37 (57)	38 (45)	
Child BMI z score	n=43*	n=50	0.218
Mean (SD)	1.69 (1.1)	-0.09 (1.35)	
Range	-2.78- 2.35	-4.93 - 2.17	
Child Healthy Weight Range N (%)			
Grade 2 thinness	1 (2)	2 (4)	
Grade 1 thinness	5 (12)	1 (2)	
Healthy	26 (61)	38 (76)	
Overweight	9 (21)	3 (6)	
Obese	2 (5)	5 (10)	

\* = significant difference, SD = Standard Deviation, KM= Kilometres BMI = Body Mass Index SEIFA= Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas

*Note BMI z-scores for survivors n=22 missing for cancer and n=31 missing for control due to incomplete parent reported child height and weight that would not allow for BMI z score to be calculated*