



# Generation Vape Research Project



Research

#### Aim

To examine awareness, perceptions, attitudes, knowledge and behaviours of e-cigarettes and tobacco use among the following target audiences in NSW and across Australia:



Young people aged 14-17 years



Young adults aged 18-24 years



Parents and/or carers of young people aged 14-17 years



Secondary school teachers, principals and administrators

## Approach

Generation Vape utilises quantitative and qualitative research components to address the research aims and questions:

**Quantitative** survey every 6 months Qualitative interviews and focus groups every 12 months





## Key findings so far?

## Young people

- Mainly getting vapes through friends or "dealers" at school or outside of school
- Over half of ever-vapers reported using a vape they knew contained nicotine
- Retail access to vapes is increasing



### Young adults

- Most important factors for vaping are flavour and taste, relaxation and stress and the nicotine hit
- Vaping is seen as a socially acceptable behaviour among young people

## Parents

- Vast majority of parents are very concerned about their children vaping
- Perceived motivations for teenagers to use e-cigarettes including social and adolescent rebellion



#### Teachers

- Vast majority of teachers are concerned or very concerned about vaping at school
- Over half of teachers are aware of the sale of vaping products in schools

"I think access is a major issue. These kids are like three or four years younger than us. And they just have access to it. Just straight access."

MALE, 16-17 YO, NSW PRIVATE SCHOOL TRIED VAPING



# Partners

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