



Vaping and Emerging Nicotine Product Use Among Monash University Students: INTERIM REPORT, Semester 1, 2026

Background and Methods

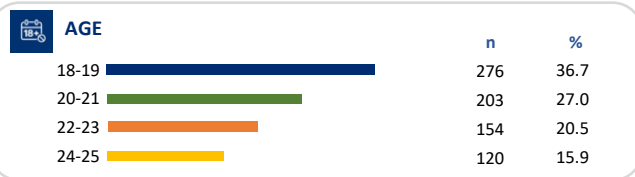
This report presents findings from pulse surveys conducted across Monash University campuses and University Health Service clinics during Semester 1, 2026. In addition to monitoring vaping and emerging nicotine product use, the report examines student awareness and perceptions of prevention messaging delivered through the UNCLOUD and Vape Free Champions initiatives. Findings provide a snapshot of student attitudes, behaviours, and emerging trends to inform future health promotion activities.

[Study Protocol](#)

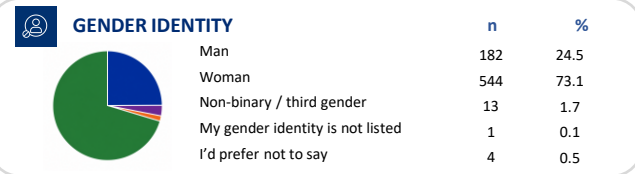
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RESULTS

PART 1: PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS



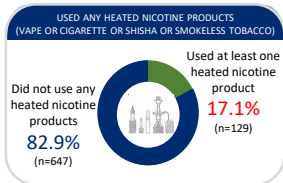
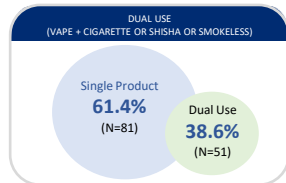
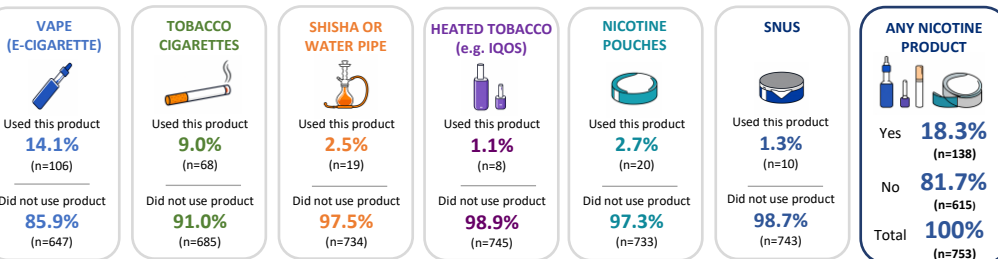
FACULTY OF ENROLMENT	n	%
Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences	304	41.6
Business and Economics	169	23.2
Art, Design, Architecture	55	7.5
Arts	52	7.1
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science	38	5.2
Engineering	32	4.4
Education	26	3.6
Information Technology	23	3.2
Science	18	2.5



ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	n	%
Yes	10	1.3
No	726	97.7
Prefer Not to Say	7	0.7

RESIDENCY STATUS	n	%
Domestic Student	361	48.7
International Student	380	51.3

PART 2: USE OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS (PAST 30 DAYS)



DID YOU USE ANY VAPE DEVICE WITH SUBSTANCES OR CARTRIDGES INTENDED TO MAKE YOU FEEL HIGH?	n	%
Yes	24	23.8%
No	72	71.3%
Maybe	5	5.0%
Total	101	100%

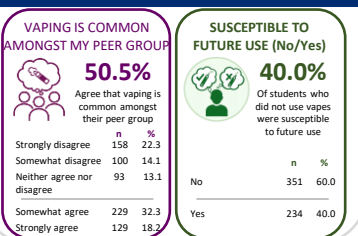
CONCLUSION

Student engagement in the UNCLOUD campaign remained strong during Semester 1, 2026. Student Wellbeing Champions and Health Service staff engaged with 659 students through surveys and conversations about vaping and emerging nicotine products, while a further 94 students participated in the first wave of longitudinal follow up. Prevalence of vaping, smoking, and other nicotine product use remained consistent with previous estimates, highlighting ongoing concerns regarding nicotine use among young adults. Susceptibility to future use and perceptions of peer vaping also remained high, reinforcing the importance of ongoing prevention efforts, continued surveillance, and accessible cessation support for students who use nicotine products but want to quit.

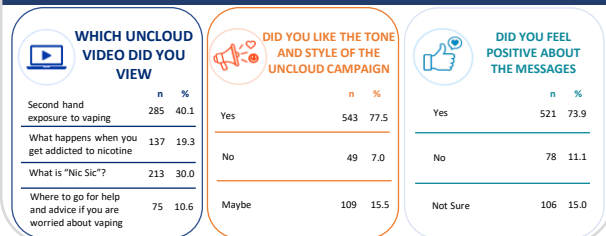
Frequency / Intention to QUIT		
Among current users of vapes or other nicotine products (n=31)		
Yes	38.7%	(n=12)
Maybe	45.2%	(n=14)
No	16.1%	(n=5)

- Other Products of Concern (reported by participants, but not listed in survey)
- Alibarbar vapes
 - lgetbar
 - The S3 vape (lget)
 - Silly vapes with cartoons on them
 - Off brand vapes
 - Herb Tea
 - Liquid weed
 - Psilocybin
 - (Illicit) Cigarettes
 - KILLA (Pouches)
 - HQD (Pouches)

PART 3: PEER SUSCEPTIBILITY AND PEER PERCEPTIONS



PART 4: PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION ABOUT VAPING



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