

Table 1: Participant characteristics (n=237).

Characteristic	N	%
Age group		
16–17 years	156	65.8
18–24 years	81	32.4
Gender		
Female	125	52.7
Male	96	40.5
Another gender	12	5.1
Prefer not to say	4	1.7
Ethnicity		
European	184	77.6
Māori	50	21.1
Pacific Peoples	10	4.2
Asian	33	13.9
Middle Eastern, Latin American and African	3	1.3

Table 2: Participants' level of agreement or disagreement on general health risks of vaping (n=237).

Statements	n (%)		
	Disagree (rating 1 or 2)	Neither (rating 3)	Agree (rating 4 or 5)
Vaping is as addictive as smoking a cigarette	46 (19.4)	38 (16.0)	153 (64.5)
Vaping is safer than smoking a cigarette	48 (20.3)	89 (37.6)	100 (42.2)
Vape juice may cause long-term health problems	25 (10.5)	51 (21.5)	161 (68.0)

Table 3: Participants' perceptions of vaping's oral health risks (n=237).

Oral health risks	n (%)		
	Yes	No	Unsure
Tooth decay	115 (48.5)	35 (14.8)	87 (36.7)
Gum disease	119 (50.2)	30 (12.7)	88 (37.1)
Teeth staining	130 (54.9)	39 (16.5)	68 (28.7)
Dry mouth	152 (64.1)	21 (8.9)	64 (27.0)
Bad breath	113 (47.7)	62 (26.2)	62 (26.2)
Oral cancer	113 (47.7)	38 (16.0)	86 (36.3)