

Supplementary questions: NSW Department of Education

1. How does the NSW Department of Education work with tertiary institutions and non-government drug education providers (e.g. Life Ed) to develop and deliver age-appropriate vaping and tobacco education?
2. What online support platforms exist for students to access advice on stopping vaping/smoking?

Answers

- 1. Principals and teachers make decisions about providers and programs at a local level. These decisions are made based on student needs and community context and resources.**

The department has provided advice to Life Education NSW and the OurFutures Institute/Matilda Centre, Sydney University on their programs. Both have been externally evaluated and the department has been involved in those evaluations.

Visiting speakers and external providers, including tertiary institutions and non-government drug education providers (e.g. Life Ed) should be used by schools only where this adds value to existing teaching and learning practice. Programs should reflect the local school context and local student and community needs.

Teachers have expertise in teaching and learning, and knowledge of their students' needs and abilities and the ways they learn. They are skilled in developing teaching and learning programs that address the needs of students within a curriculum context. The department continues to invest in building the capability of our workforce and teachers to deliver effective, evidence-based drug education to our students.

- 2. The department has released vaping specific curriculum materials with training or professional learning for teachers. These curriculum materials are aimed at students in years 7 to 10. They are designed to empower our students to challenge and understand the facts about vaping and have the skills to decipher media and social media marketing as well as refuse vaping and advocate for safe decisions, behaviours and environments. There are cessation messages embedded into this learning.**

The Do You Know What You're Vaping Toolkit, developed by NSW Health, has been promoted to NSW public school communities.

The resources from the Do You Know What You're Vaping Toolkit and on the NSW Health vaping resources hub help NSW public schools deliver on our responsibility of strengthening awareness and understanding of the dangers and health impacts of vaping across the school community. These are available on NSW Health website at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/pages/vaping-resources.aspx>.

These resources include fact sheets and videos on nicotine addiction and support to quit. The Minderoo Foundation also released the Uncloud campaign for young people, which provides information on how to help someone quit vaping.

Sydney Children's Hospital Network released the KidsQuit module which provides information about e-cigarettes, and how to talk to young people about vapes and cessation. This is available online at <https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/clinical-hub/kidsquit-e-cigarettes-program>.