# Vaping and Young People in Victoria

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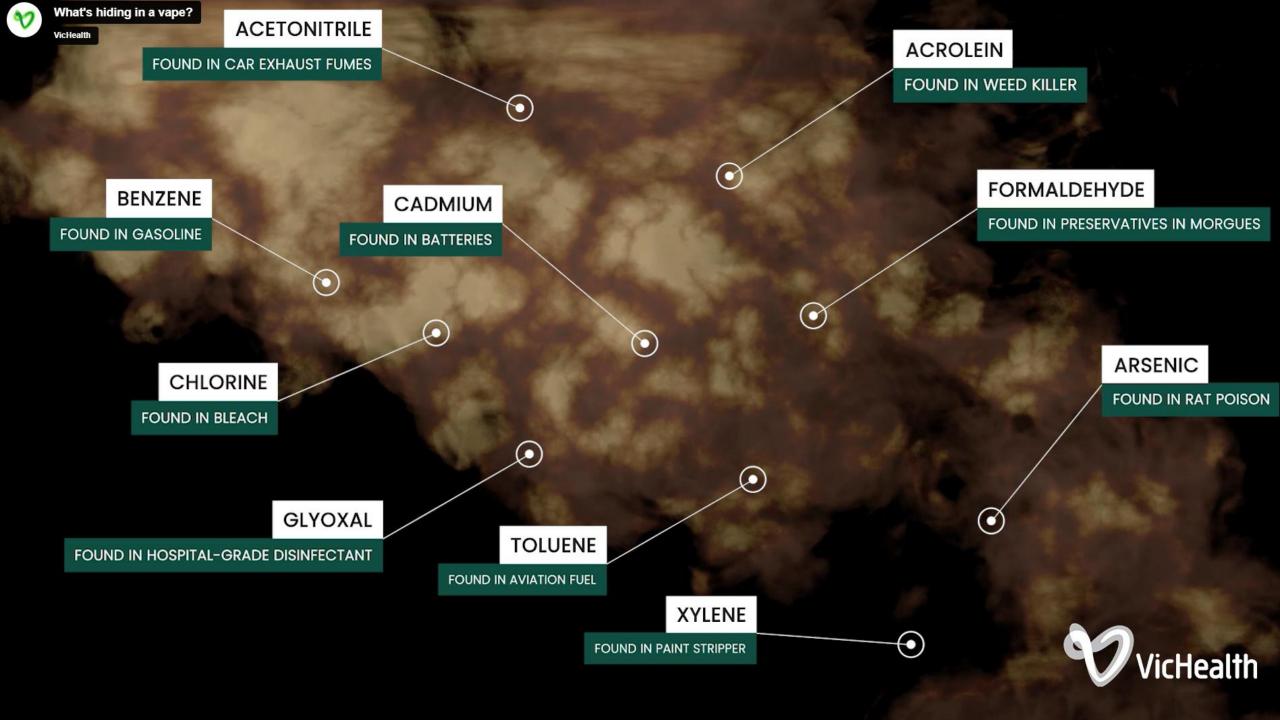




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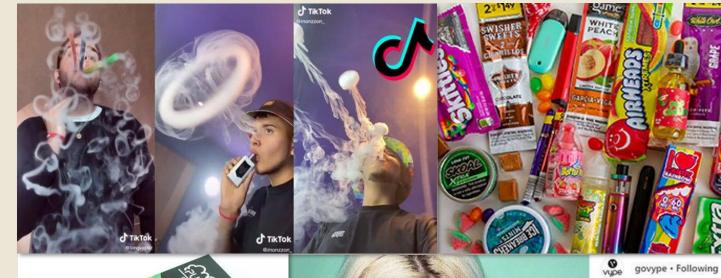
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#### **Predatory tactics**





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@ATHRA\_AU Australian Tobacco Harm Reduction Association 🤣

Like Michael, many Australian adults have successfully quit their smoking addiction by switching to a safer alternative. Scientific ana of 300+ clinical trials shows switching to vaping is the most effective way for people to guit. Learn more: asaca.org.au

#### "Vaping helped me give up deadly tobacco for good"

#### Michael Former smoker

"I smoked for 45yrs, tried plenty of times to give up without success. Vaping has helped me give up deadly tobacco for good."



Doctors reducing harm from smoking

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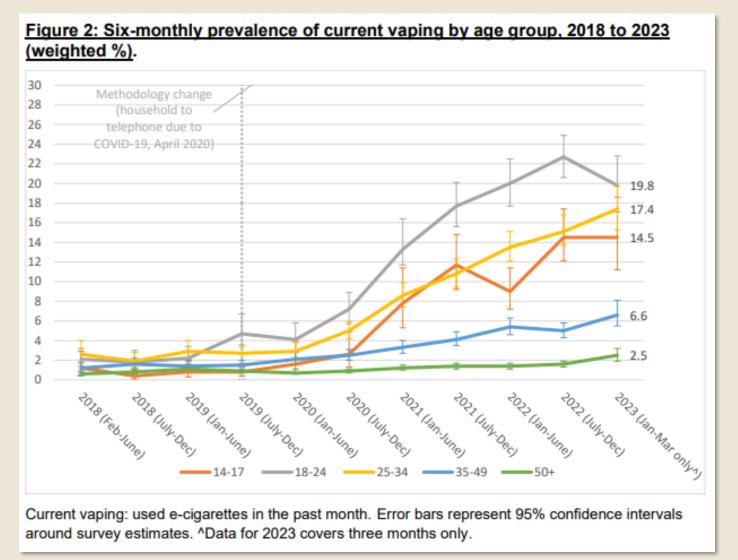
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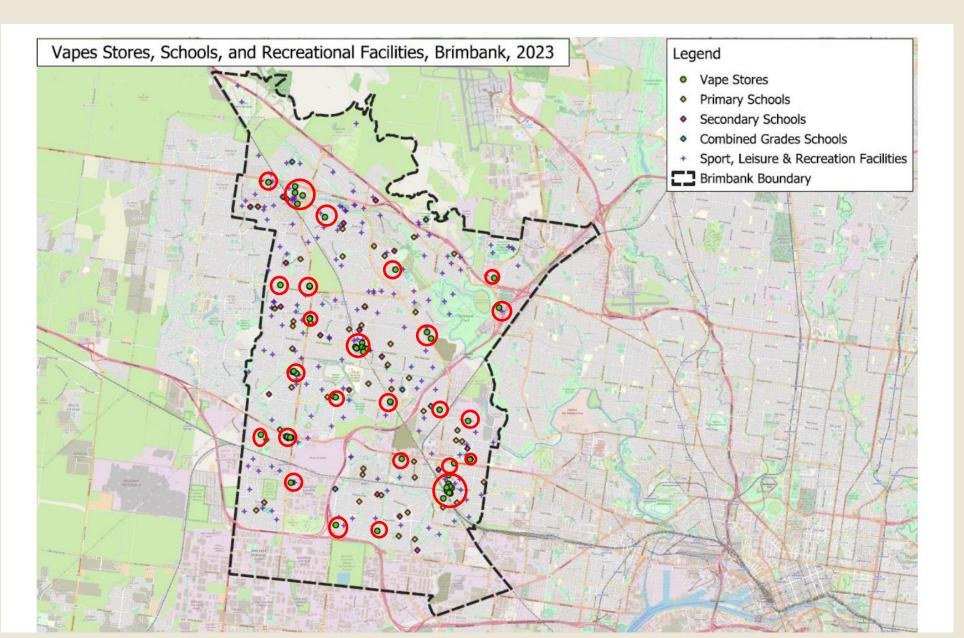


#### Vaping by age group 2018 - 2023



Source: Cancer Council Victoria, 2023

#### Predatory tactics: vape stores around schools



Source: Western Public Health Unit, October 2023

#### Strengthening federal laws & closing loopholes

On 21 March 2024, legislation was introduced to Federal Parliament which, if passed, will:

- End the importation, domestic manufacture, supply, commercial possession and advertising of all non-therapeutic and disposable vapes for retailers under a single national framework.
- Introduce new offences and civil penalty provisions for retailers of non-therapeutic and disposable vapes.
- **Ensure patient access** to legitimate therapeutic vapes is through pharmacy settings and under appropriate health practitioner supervision.

Builds on reforms passed by Federal Parliament last year stopping the import of vapes.

"No more bubblegum flavours. No more pink unicorns. No more vape products deliberately disguised as highlighter pens" Federal Minister for Health, Mark Butler



# VicHealth's response: supporting schools, parents and young people



- 'Get the Facts on Vaping' at vapingfacts.org.au
- See through the haze campaign (VicHealth & Quit)
- School curriculum resources (VicHealth, Quit, DH & DET)

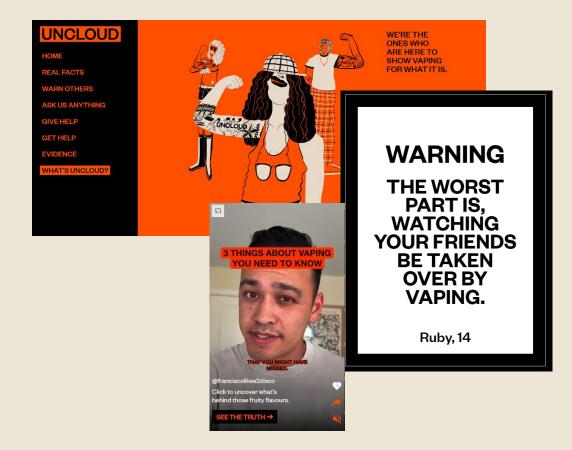


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### **Focussing on lived experience**



#### Influencing Gen Vape report



#### Uncloud: voices of young people

## VicHealth's investments



What's Hiding in a Vape? (Melbourne Museum Installation)

- Vaping community prevention grants
- Parent conversation guide
- Tobacco modules within the VicHealth Local Government Partnership
- Research into young people's attitudes and behaviours





### Listening to young people



*"If vapes"* were hard to get I wouldn't have bothered. But they're so easy to get"

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