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**Ministerial Student Advisory Council**  
**29 April 2022, Brisbane**

### **Schools & Industry**

* **Focussed information about "What is an ATAR?"**
  + Clear information about ATAR requirements to enter university and Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank
  + A centralised portal to show all university scholarships available.
* **Students feeling rushed & overwhelmed.**
  + By age 17, they are expected to know what they are passionate about, which is a big commitment.
* **Students need access to broader workplace experiences to understand opportunities.**
* **Virtual Reality** opens access into workplaces where its hard to get experts to take students on a journey.
* Academic coaches & self-driven work experience anywhere in the workforce.

### **Vaping**

* **Considered “cool” even though it’s harmful.**
* For some young people, vaping is a coping mechanism.
* **People are focused on short-term gain, not long-term consequences and don’t realise it can** ruin relationships with those who mean the most.
* Users don’t know the harm & how addiction is linked to mental health
* **Teachers don’t understand how to respond to vaping or how to report vaping.**
  + **Students don’t want to be berated about physical effects. Its better to target their lifestyle**
  + "You can’t change people they can only change themselves. They need tools & unbiased conversation.
  + Schools to educate on how to stop vaping, not demonise it
  + Consider the effect of peer pressure
* Animation & media can share stories & experiences through someone else’s eyes."
* **Drug addicts need interventions, saying ‘Stop’ is not enough**