



# ASH YEAR 10 SNAPSHOT SURVEY 2021

## Information for Schools

### **What is the ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey?**

The ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey is a national school-based survey run by Action for Smokefree 2025 (ASH). The survey has run every year since 1999 (aside from 2020, when it was cancelled due to Covid-19) and gathers information on smoking and vaping related attitudes and behaviours among Year 10 students. It is part of the NZ Youth Tobacco Monitor and part of Ministry of Health's public health monitoring programme.

### **What does participating in 2021 mean for your school?**

All schools with Year 10 students are invited to participate in the ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey. At participating schools a staff member will administer the survey, including distributing it to all Year 10 classes in the school. The survey should take students about 10 minutes to complete.

### **What is the information used for?**

Information from the survey helps inform and evaluate activities related to tobacco use and vaping behaviours among young people. The results are widely reported by the media and in published research in New Zealand and internationally. Each year, ASH provides school-level prevalence results to participating schools. ASH reports yearly on the national findings ([https://www.ash.org.nz/ash\\_year\\_10](https://www.ash.org.nz/ash_year_10)), provides national and regional breakdowns where possible, and provides schools with their school-level prevalence results.

### **What do you need to do?**

#### ***Principals / Deputy Principals***

Please consider giving consent for your school to participate. Nominate one staff member to be the contact person and to coordinate the survey in your school.

#### ***School contact person***

If your school participates in the ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey, we ask the school contact person to distribute the questionnaire to the Year 10 form teachers or health teachers with Year 10 students in your school, to administer the survey to students. The survey will take students about 10 minutes to complete. The contact person then collects and returns all questionnaires to ASH (both completed and unused) in the prepaid courier bags supplied.

The survey is run in Term 2, at least 30 days into the term (from 26 May to 9 July 2021) so that the responses represent school term time rather than holidays. We ask that the students are not told of the survey's subject or sponsor before the survey to avoid any discussion and potential bias in responses.

## **Consent**

Written consent to participate is given by principals or deputy principals on behalf of the school. On the day, students can choose whether they will participate.

## **Confidentiality**

At an individual level, the questionnaires remain anonymous and confidential to protect the privacy of students' responses. The results may also be shared with local Public Health Unit (PHU) if consent is obtained (this is part of the consent form process). Results will not be shared with the school or PHU if a school that returns 10 or fewer completed the questionnaires, in order to protect students' anonymity. Schools participating in the research will not be named or identified in any form in any published reports or to the media.

Ethical approval for this study has been granted by the Ministry of Health's Health and Disability Ethics Committee (Number MEC/07/10/141).

## **Covid-19**

Although we hope that the 2021 survey will be able to run in participating schools with no issues, if there is an outbreak of Covid-19 such that we cannot proceed with the survey, ASH will of course be in touch with you.

## **Key dates**

- April 2021: Principals of all New Zealand schools with Year 10 students receive a letter informing them of the upcoming NZYTM
- April to May 2021: Schools are contacted to ask for consent to participate
- May 2021: Questionnaire packs are delivered to consenting schools
- 26 May to 9 July 2021: Schools undertake the ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey
- 6 August 2021: Last date to return completed questionnaires.

## **For more information**

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