

## Year 8 – Smoking and Vaping

### Activity Overview

#### Persuasive Writing - Respond to a friend

One of your closest friends that you've known since primary school has become friends with a wider group of people that you're not familiar with.

You normally walk home together but she doesn't one afternoon and you notice her down at the shops with these new friends who are all vaping.

She sends you a text message later that afternoon that says:

**“Hi, I’m sorry I didn’t walk home with you today, I got caught up with the friends in my class. You should totally come next time. Is everything ok?”**

Write a letter to your friend that conveys possible concerns you have but still respects the friendship you have with them.

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### Learning Intentions

- Understand the potential risks associated with vaping and peer influence.
- Develop effective communication skills in expressing concerns to a friend.
- Recognize the importance of maintaining open and honest conversations in friendships.

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### Success Criteria

- Express concerns about the observed vaping behaviour of the friend's new group.
- Convey care and support for the friend's well-being.
- Encourage open communication and express a willingness to discuss any concerns or challenges.