

# Parents' perceptions of normative adolescent behaviours: The 'social clock' concept

Poster 6

**Objective:** Explore parents' perceptions of appropriate ages for adolescent alcohol and drug-related behaviours

**Method:** Online cross-sectional survey of 1,197 Australian parents of adolescents aged 12-17 years

## Key Findings:

- 20% of parents thought getting drunk at home was 'never ok'
- 50% of parents thought smoking, vaping, and trying cannabis was 'never ok'
- Mean acceptable ages (if not 'never ok'): Vaping: 15.7 years; Getting drunk at a bar: 17.2 years
- No significant differences based on adolescent gender
- Mothers report higher acceptable ages than fathers for all behaviours except vaping