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Student Engagement Activities do they alienate or engage?



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BACKGROUND

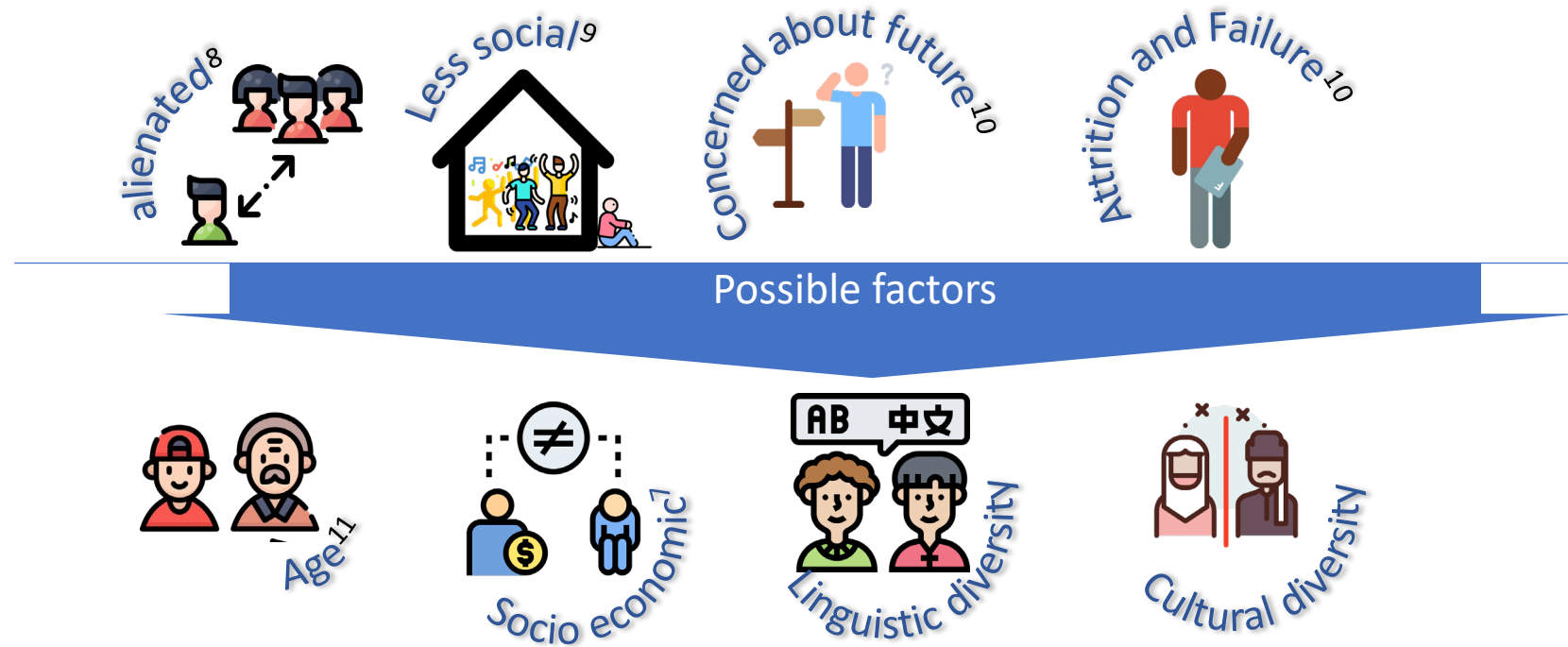
- Positive student engagement creates



¹Bye, Muller & Oprescu, 2019; ²Fernandes, Ford ³Rayner & Pretorius, 2017, ⁴Thomas, 2012; ⁵Fernandes et al. 2017 ⁶Thomas, 2012; ⁷Fernandes et al. 2017

Background

- Negative student's social experiences and engagements



⁸Bye et al. 2020; ⁹Thomas, 2012; ¹⁰Rayce, Kreiner, Damsgaard, Nielsen & Holstein, 2018

AIM OF THE PROJECT

To determine whether formal and informal activities designed to foster student engagement at the School of Optometry and Vision Science (SOVS) were engaging or alienating





School-led



Head of the School Welcome



Peer mentorship



Dispensing specs



Annual industry prize giving



Attending an eye test



Annual EYEBALL meeting

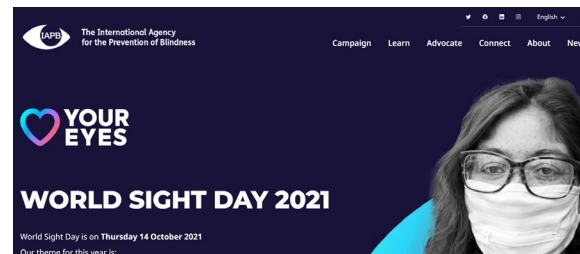
Other Activities led by students

6/52(11% responded)

UNSW Student Conference – Seeing Beyond 2020

World Sight Day Games Night

Optom Cruise



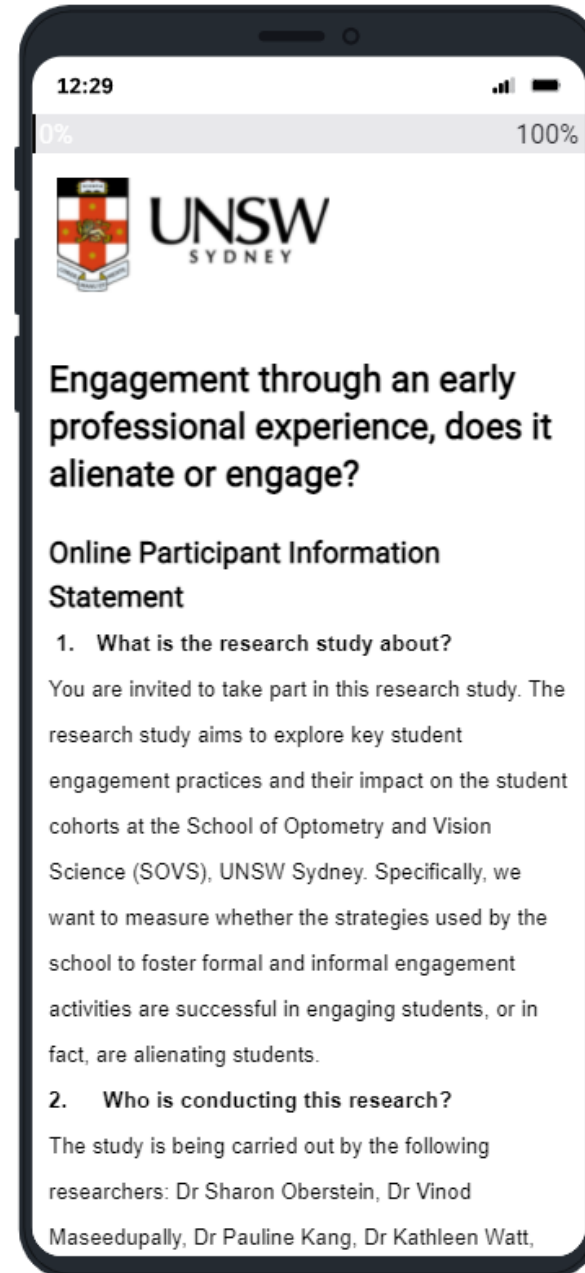
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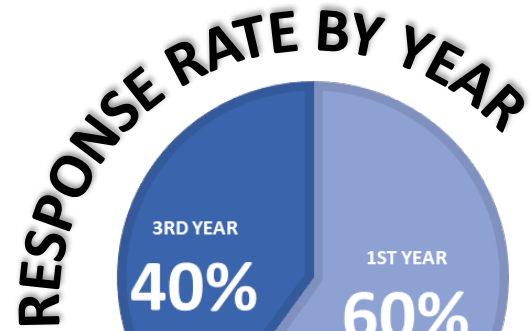
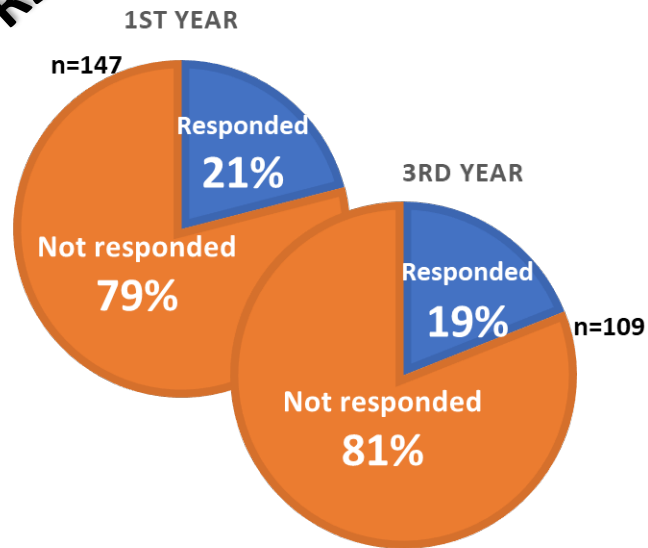
METHOD

- Qualtrics survey, end of Term 2, 2021
- 1st and 3rd year students
- 'engaging' was defined as creating a sense of belonging to the School/your profession.
- Human Research Ethics approval: HC200936

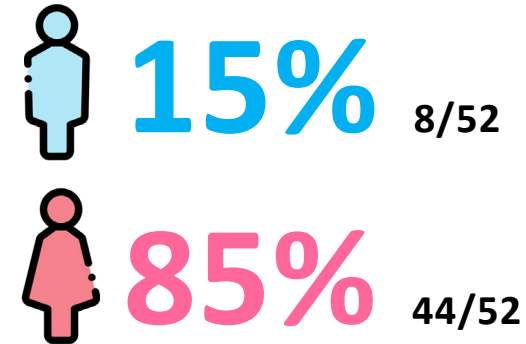


RESULTS

SURVEY RESPONSE RATE



MALES VS FEMALES

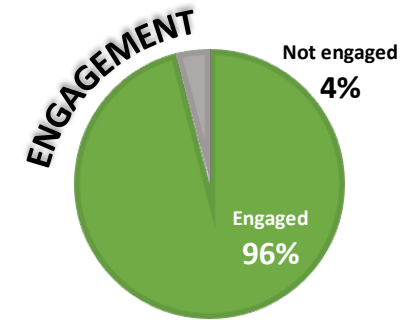
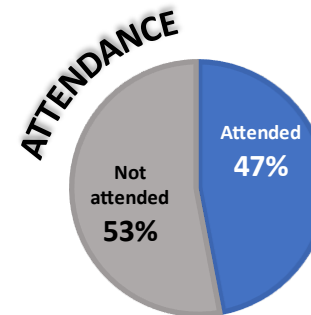
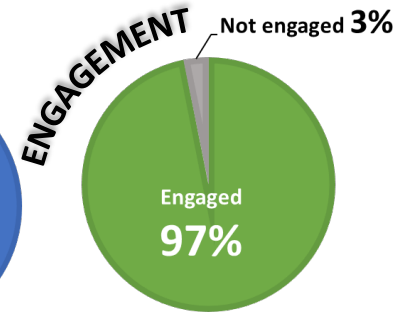
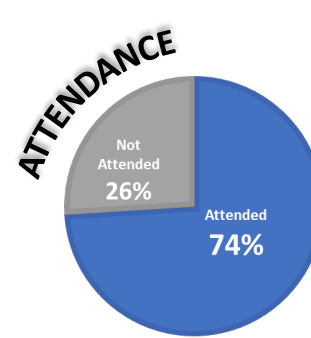


MEDIAN AGE



19 years

Attendance = Engagement!

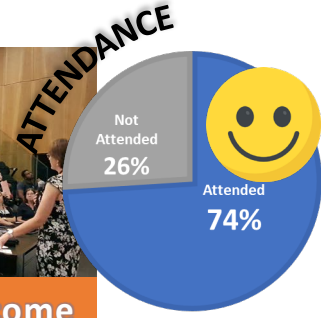




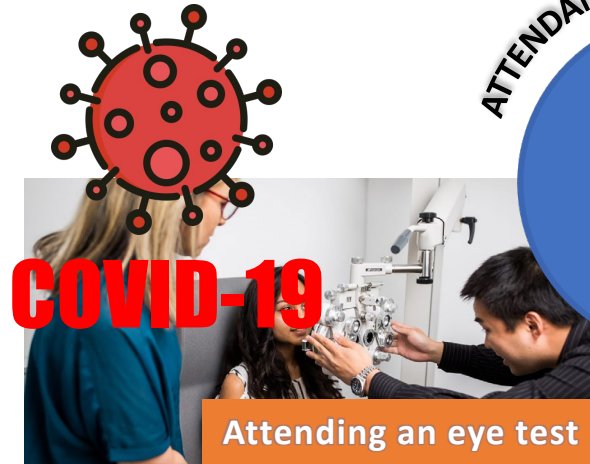
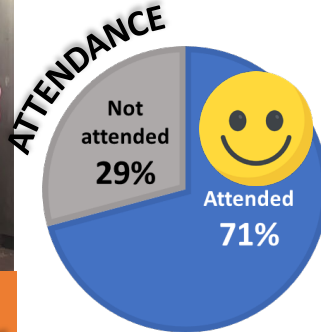
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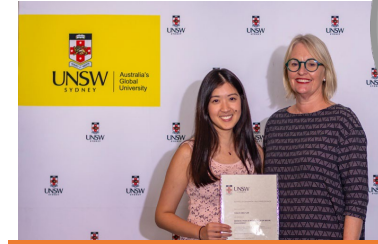
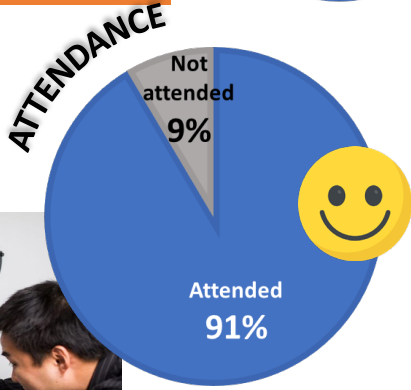
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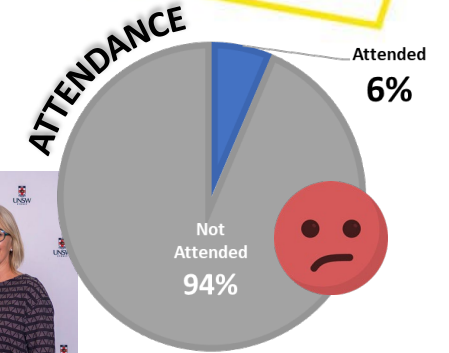
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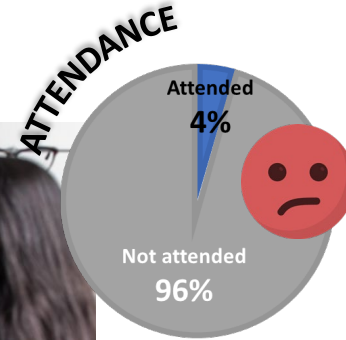
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84% did not report feeling alienated



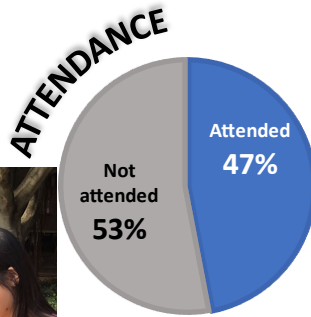
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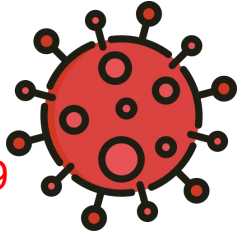
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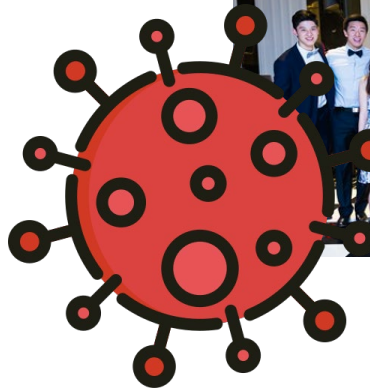
- 53% reported not attending any student led activity: reason **COVID-19** delayed/cancelled the activity



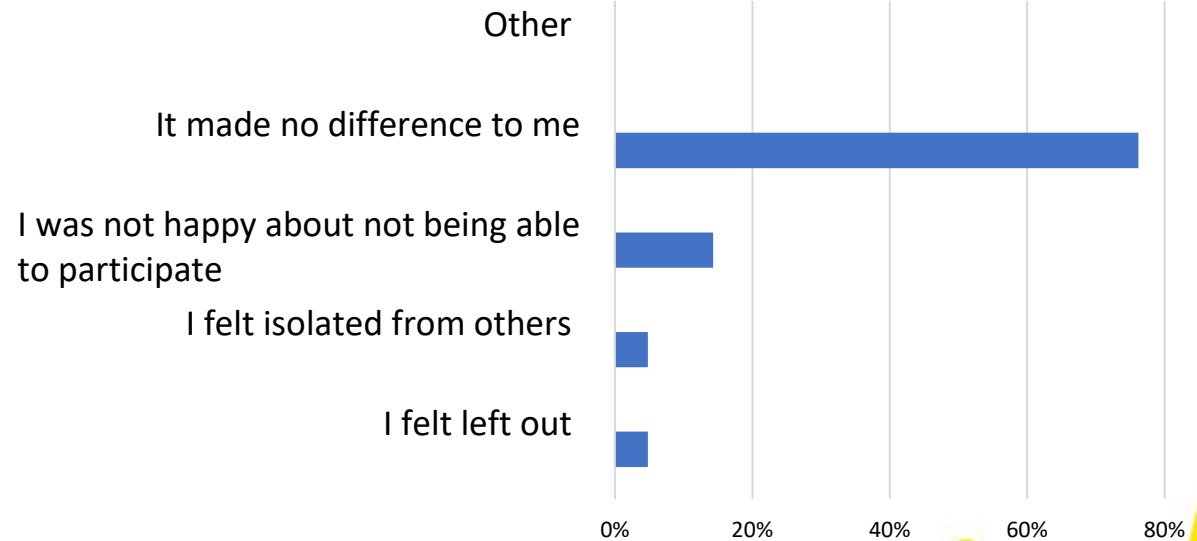
How did it feel to be unable to attend the Welcome BBQ n=20



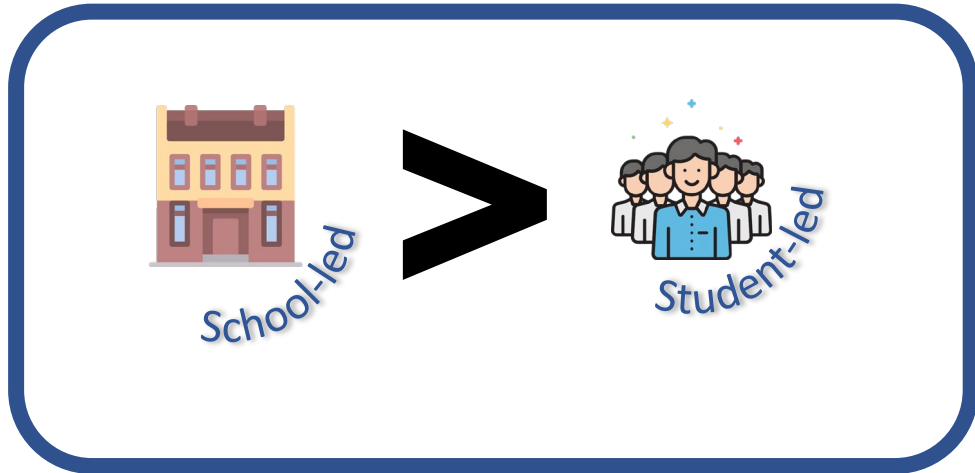
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COVID-19



CONCLUSION



Reasons for non-attendance:

Three icons representing reasons for non-attendance: a red coronavirus particle labeled 'COVID-19', a house with people inside labeled 'Not interested', and a person with a blindfold labeled 'unaware'.

Limitations:

Two icons representing limitations: a hand holding a circle with three people icons labeled 'Response rate', and a coronavirus particle next to a group of people labeled 'COVID-19 Student-led'.

Thank you

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