Predictors of drinking behaviour and Facebook use

Participant Information Sheet

Our names are Charlie Wong, Hayley Roberts, Shari Webster, and Tess Jennings. We are fourth year Curtin University psychology students, and we’d like to invite you to participate in our research.

**Aim:** The aim of this research is to examine what influences excessive alcohol and Facebook use in 18-25 year olds.

**What does participation involve?** Participation includes completing an online questionnaire relating to your alcohol consumption (i.e., how much you drink, and how often), your Facebook use, some questions about your personality, and the completion of a short computer task. You can choose to withdraw from the study at any time prior to submitting the questionnaire. Although unlikely, some of the questions may make you feel uncomfortable (e.g., discussing your alcohol use). If you are feeling uncomfortable you can exit the survey by closing the internet window or tab that you are completing the survey on. The questionnaire will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

**What will happen to my information?** The information that is collected will be stored anonymously and you will not be identifiable. The questionnaire will be stored securely and the information provided will be used for research purposes only.

**What are the benefits of participants?** By participating in this research you are eligible to enter a draw to win a Coles/Myer gift voucher to the value of $50. Upon completion of the questionnaire you will be redirected to a separate webpage to enter the draw and provide contact details.

**Questions or queries:** If you have any queries, or difficulties accessing the material, please contact us using the details below.

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**Link to Questionnaire**
https://curtin.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6yPhQqPzLpSx81

Thanks!

**Ethics information:** This study has been approved by the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (Approval Number PSYCH SP 2014-58). The Committee is comprised of members of the public, academics, lawyers, doctors and pastoral carers. Its main role is to protect participants. If needed, verification of approval can be obtained either by writing to the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee, c/- Office of Research and Development, Curtin University of Technology, GPO Box U1987, Perth, 6845 or by telephoning 9266 2784 or by emailing hrec@curtin.edu.au.

As per the *Gaming and Wagering Commission Act 1987* Section 104 – Permit for the conduct of a Trade Promotion Lottery, Curtin University, School of Psychology and Speech Pathology, would like to inform the Gaming and Wagering Commission, that the University will conduct Social and Psychological Factors Predicting Facebook Use and Risky Drinking.