



SMOKING POLICY

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Rationale:

- Our school recognises the danger that smoking and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for the school and its staff to provide positive role models to students. Consequently, for the protection of staff and students, smoking is not permitted within any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function by students, staff or visitors.

Aims:

- To ensure that all students are made aware of the dangers of smoking.
- To ensure that a fair and reasonable process for responding to incidents of smoking is developed, understood and consistently followed.

Implementation:

- Smoking and passive smoking are dangerous to the health of employees and students.
- The Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, requires employers to provide a safe work place, and as far as practical, without risks to health. Consequently, smoking is not permitted in any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function, by students, staff or visitors. Failure by employees to comply with the Act is an offence.
- In addition, staff members are requested not to smoke on the perimeter of the school property within the view of students.
- The health risks associated with smoking will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum for all students. Informed choices about smoking will feature amongst the harm minimisation strategies employed in the school's Drug Education Strategy , and our program will include sections relating to peer pressure and smoking.
- Our No Smoking policy will be communicated to the community via the school website.
- A combination of counselling and disciplinary measures will accompany any incidents of smoking. They may include:

Reminder of 'No Smoking Policy' and counselling.
Parent Contact and/or detention.
Completion of smoking awareness activities.
Suspension/or counselling.

The appropriate course of action will be determined by the relevant House Manager who is dealing with the student and their particular situation.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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