

Smoke - Free Policy

Rationale:

- Smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds. Tobacco Act 1987.
- The ban includes all activities that take place on school grounds and within school buildings, both during and outside of school hours.
- It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable 'No smoking' signs at all entrances to the school grounds.

Aims:

- Complying with Health and Safety Legislation & Employment Law.
- Protecting the students, staff, and members of the community to exposure to second hand smoke.
- To ensure a smoke free environment for students, families, staff, volunteers and visitors
- Raising awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke and promoting the benefit of a smoke free lifestyle to our students
- To provide information to staff and families about the health benefits of not smoking.

Implementation:

- "Smoke free school" signs will be displayed in visible locations around the school
- Inform the school community of the Victorian Government policy and smoke free schools
- Departmental employees are also able to access the Employee Assistance Program, a short term, professional and confidential counselling service by contacting Converge International on 1300 361 008
- Tobacco education curriculum materials support schools to provide a smoke-free environment. Information about tobacco education is available on the Department's Drug Education website at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/drugeducation.aspx>
- For information relating to contractual and legal issues contact Legal Services Branch on 9637-3146. Schools need to consider the ban when entering into contractual agreements with on-site service providers
- Members of staff will be given a copy of this policy which will become part of their contract for employment
- Parents will be informed by newsletter

Supporting Document

- QUIT Vic Electronic cigarettes in the workplace information sheet

Related Legislation and Policies

- Amendments to the *Tobacco Act 1987*
- *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*
- Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007
- DET Health Education Approaches
- DET Smoking Ban 2017
- WSC Communication of School Policies Procedures and Schedule Policy
- WSC Student Engagement Inclusion and Wellbeing Policy

Evaluation:

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



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This policy was ratified by School Council

October 2017