



SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY

Rationale

Our school recognises the danger smoking, vaping and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for the school and its staff to provide positive role models to students. For the protection of staff and students, smoking or vaping is not permitted on school grounds or within four meters of the public entrance to school grounds.

Aims

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

Implementation

- Smoking, vaping and passive smoking is dangerous to the health of employees and students.
- The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985, requires employers to provide a safe workplace, and as far as practical, without risks to health.
- Under the Tobacco Act 1987 smoking and vaping is banned:
 - within the grounds of all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools, and primary and secondary schools.
 - within four metres of any public entrance to a Victorian childcare centre, kindergarten, preschool, and primary and secondary school.
- Consequently, smoking or vaping is not permitted in any area of the school property. Failure by employees to comply with the Act is an offence.
- In addition, staff members are not permitted to smoke or vape outside of the school property within the view of students.
- The health risks associated with smoking and vaping will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum for all students.
- No Smoking signs will be erected at prominent places within the school.
- Our policy will be communicated to the community via the school newsletter.
- For students, a combination of counselling and disciplinary measures will accompany any incidents of smoking. Parents will be contacted and appropriate measures will be taken.

POLICY REVIEW

Policy reviewed	February 2025
Approved by	Principal Mark Basile
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