

Smoking and E-Cigarette Policy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to support public health objectives and ensure there is no smoking or use of e-cigarettes (commonly known as 'vaping') on school premises (buildings and grounds), within 4 metres of school entrances or at school sanctioned events held off-premises.

SCOPE:

A person must not smoke cigarettes including e-cigarettes (regardless of whether they contain nicotine) within school premises and within 4 metres of any pedestrian access to school premises. Smoking in these places is a fineable offence.

The smoking and vaping ban applies to:

- anyone present on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents or carers or the wider community, such as sporting groups
- all activities that take place on school premises including, cultural, sporting or recreational activities.
- Smoking and vaping are also not permitted during school events and excursions held off school premises.

DEFINITION:

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), commonly known as 'vaping'

In Victoria it is illegal for any person aged 18 or under to obtain, possess or use nicotine e-cigarettes, or e-cigarette cartridges containing nicotine, or nicotine liquids for use in a vaporiser, without a prescription. It is illegal to sell e-cigarettes to, or buy e-cigarettes for, any person aged under 18 years whether or not the e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Whilst it is not unlawful for a person to possess or use e-cigarettes that do not contain nicotine, it is unlawful to use them on school premises or within 4 metres of a school entrance.

POLICY:

Any student who is found in the possession of cigarettes, E-cigarettes and/or matches/lighters will be in violation of the policy and the staged response outlined below will be activated.

Any student who is observed in the company of someone smoking or using an E-cigarette in the company of smokers whilst on school grounds and/or in college uniform will also enact the staged response as outlined in this policy.

The college sees smoking as a very serious health issue and the policy states:

First Offence	Parents contacted and completion of smoking or vaping assignment to a satisfactory standard during after school detentions.
Second Offence	Parents contacted and two hours of community service completed after school or in Saturday detention and all recess and lunch breaks restricted to courtyard/co-ordinators office for two weeks.
Third Offence (and any subsequent offences)	Suspension and an anti-smoking presentation to the Home Group.

Any student found selling cigarettes, E—cigarettes or associated materials including lighters and matches will face immediate consequences, including the high likelihood of suspension.

Supports for individuals who may need support with helping to quit can access the services listed below.

- The QUIT line: 13 78 48
- The online QUIT Coach – www.quit.org.au
- Eastern Drug and Alcohol Service – 1300 650 705

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