



Smoke Free School 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

- to achieve a smoke-free school environment which sends a clear message that a healthy lifestyle does not include smoking
- to ensure a smoke-free environment for students, families, staff, volunteers and visitors
- to deliver a clear and consistent message regarding the dangers of smoking by delivering tobacco education in one or more learning key areas of the curriculum as part of a whole school approach to health and wellbeing
- to provide information to staff and families about the health benefits of not smoking

POLICY

- Macleod College acknowledges the negative health effects of smoking and passive smoking as well as the importance of a smoke-free environment which contributes to good health and overall wellbeing
- The College fully supports the DET Smoking Ban 2017

The ban includes smoking of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and applies to:

- anyone present on school premises during school hours and after school hours including students, staff, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community such as and not limited to sporting groups
- all activities that take place on school premises including preschools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes
- e-cigarettes containing nicotine are illegal in Victoria, are not promoted as therapeutic nicotine replacement products, and the short and long term health impacts remain unknown

COLLEGE ACTIONS

- Macleod College will erect no-smoking signs and enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school grounds and within four metres of school entrances
- Staff, families and students will be provided with information about policy requirements through the Macleod College Communication of School Policies and Procedures Policy.
- All school sanctioned events (both on and off the school grounds) including camps, excursions, sporting events, fetes and celebrations are totally smoke-free



- Staff and students who smoke will be offered support to help them quit or manage their smoking via referrals to the Secondary School Nurse, Quit counselling and/or other health professionals
- Health information related to smoking will be made available to the school community
- Smoking paraphernalia will be confiscated and only returned to the parents or guardians of students upon request.
- This is inclusive of cigarettes, lighters, tobacco pouches, matches, tobacco rolling paper, e-cigarettes, e-cigarette fluid, pipes and any other device or materials used for smoking

CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENTS

- **1st Offence:** Health Education with Secondary School Nurse, parents informed and one day Internal suspension
- **2nd Offence:** One day External Suspension and parent meeting arranged.
- **3rd and further Offences:** Two day External Suspension and parent meeting arranged.

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
- Macleod College Communication of School Policies and Procedures Policy
- Macleod College Student Engagement, Inclusion and Wellbeing Policy

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways :

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	July 2022
Consultation	Student Managers June 2022
Approved by	Principal
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