

# Smoking Policy

## Rationale

Kingswood is caring and focused on what is best for the students. Our school recognises the danger 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

- The Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (VIC), requires employers to provide a safe work place, and as far as practical, without risks to health. Victorian Tobacco Control Strategy 2008-2013 prohibits smoking in enclosed workplaces and at under aged music/dance events. 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 accordance with DET, smoking on Victorian government school premises is banned as of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- Smoking is banned within 4 meters of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.
- No smoking signs are placed around the school.
- In addition, staff members are not permitted by the School Council Code of Conduct to smoke outside of the school property within the view of students.
- Informed choices about smoking will feature amongst the harm minimisation strategies employed in the school's Drug Education and our Life Education Van visits will include sections relating to peer pressure and smoking.
- Our No Smoking Policy will be communicated to the community via the school newsletter.
- The appropriate counselling and/or disciplinary action will be taken against staff who breach the school's No Smoking Policy.
- A combination of counselling and disciplinary measures will accompany any incidents of student smoking. They include: Parent Contact and time out.

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## Reference

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/smokingban.aspx>

## Related legislation

Tobacco Act 1987

Education and Training reform Act 2006

Education and Training reform regulation 2007

## Evaluation:

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

## Review

Version	Edited By / Comments	Next Review
June 2011	P & C Committee	June 2014
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