

# Smoking Ban Policy

2022

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## Rationale

Smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all Primary and Secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds. It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable 'No Smoking' signs at all entrances to the school grounds.

## Purpose

- 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

## Implementation

Hampton Park Secondary 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. HPSC fully supports the DET smoking ban 2017.

## Scope

This ban includes the 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 and guardians, or the wider community such as and not limited to sporting groups.
- All activities that take place on school premises including 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

- HPSC 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 HPSC Communication of School Policies and Procedures Policy

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- 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 all students (all year levels) found smoking:**

#### **First Offence:**

- Health Education with Secondary School Nurse
- Parents informed

#### **Second Offence:**

- Parents informed
- Detention
- Attendance monitoring
- Restricted access to school grounds during unstructured times

#### **Third Offence:**

- Suspension and parent meeting arranged with the Principal

#### **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](#)

#### **Evaluation**

*This policy will be reviewed a part of the school's three-year review cycle. Next due January 2025.*