

Smoking and Vaping Policy

2023-2026



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Hampton Park Secondary College on 03 8795 9400.

Purpose

To support public health objectives and to outline to Hampton Park Secondary College parents, carers, staff and students the rules, processes and procedures in place to ensure that the smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes (vapes) does not occur on school premises.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- The use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes (vapes), including both nicotine and non-nicotine e-cigarettes
- Hampton Park Secondary College grounds as well as within 4 metres of all school entrances
- 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.
- Any sanctioned school events held off premises, even those out of school hours.

Policy

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. Hampton Park Secondary College fully supports the DET smoking ban, 2017.

This policy outlines the practices that Hampton Park Secondary College has in place to ensure that smoking does not occur on school premises, as well as the follow-up actions for those who breach this policy.

College Actions:

- Hampton Park Secondary College will erect No-Smoking (and No-Vaping) signs and enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school grounds and within four metres of school entrances
- 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 (vapes), e-cigarette fluid, pipes and any other device or materials used for smoking.
- Staff, families, and students will be provided with information about policy requirements through the Hampton Park Secondary College Communication of School Policies and Procedures Policy

Consequences for Students 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

- <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/alcohol-and-other-drugs-students/policy>
- <https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/drugs-poisons-and-controlled-substances-act-1981>
- <https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/education-and-training-reform-act-2006/099>
- <https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/statutory-rules/education-and-training-reform-regulations-2017/009>
- <https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/tobacco-act-1987>

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