



Warrandyte High School

Anti-Smoking and Anti-Vaping Policy

Relevant DET policy: [Smoking & Vaping Ban Policy](#)

RATIONALE:

This Anti-Smoking policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending Warrandyte High School are protected from exposure to the harmful effects of cigarette smoke and second-hand smoke. A Ministerial Ban Order was imposed and legislated in 2009 making it illegal to smoke on the grounds of all Victorian Government Schools. From April 2015, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act (1987) a further ban was imposed on smoking within four metres of any school entrance. This Policy applies to staff, students and all visitors to Warrandyte High School.

OBJECTIVES:

The Anti-Smoking and Anti-Vaping Policy aims to:

- Enforce current legal and other legislative requirements for adults and children related to tobacco, nicotine and vape use in or near school grounds
- Eliminate exposure to cigarette or vape smoke to all members of the school community, while on school premises.
- Increase student and community awareness of tobacco, nicotine and smoking/vaping related health issues.
- Assist students and staff to develop strategies to minimise exposure to cigarette and vape smoke
- Provide a safe school environment for students, staff and the school community.
- Ensure that parents are informed of the school's Anti-Smoking and Anti-Vaping Policy.
- Where students are concerned, provide an incremental set of consequences for breach of these requirements, as well as offer counselling and intervention support.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The school will ensure that suitable 'No Smoking' signs are installed at all entrances to the school grounds, and enforce the ban to prohibit smoking or vaping on school grounds and within 4 metres of school entrances.

Adults

- Enforce 'No-Smoking' bans for anyone present on school premises, or near school entrances, during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups.
- Ensure compliance with this policy for all activities that take place on school premises or off school premises during a school day including extra-curricular, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.

Students

- Smoking, from traditional or electronic cigarettes (otherwise known as a 'vape'), is not permitted at school, on the way to school or on the way home from school.
- Smoking is not permitted at any school activities or on the school premises.
- Students are not to have on them, at any time, cigarettes, matches, lighters, vapes or any other smoking related material (including electronic smoking equipment).
- Students are not to associate with anyone who is involved in smoking on school premises.

CONSEQUENCES: (*note- students found associating with smoking/vaping activity may incur the same consequences as smokers, whether they can be directly confirmed as smoking, or not)

• **First Offence:**

- Confiscation of all smoking related items
- Recording of incident on Compass
- Parent(s)/Carer(s) contacted
- One day internal suspension/exclusion held at school
- Completion of smoking intervention course/module (such as Quit Victoria) as directed by the Year Level Coordinator while at school

• **Second Offence**

- Confiscation of all smoking related items
- Recording of incident on Compass
- Parent(s)/Carer(s) contacted
- One day external suspension
- Completion of smoking intervention course/module (such as Quit Victoria) at home, as directed by the Year Level Coordinator, evidence presented following suspension

• **Subsequent Offences**

- Confiscation of all smoking related items
- Recording of incident on Compass
- Parent(s)/Carer(s) required to attend meeting with Director of Student Services
- External Suspension. For each subsequent incident, the duration of the suspension may be increased
- Completion of smoking intervention course/module (such as Quit Victoria) as directed by the Director of Student Services
- External counselling / support agency information will be made available to students and parents/carers

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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