



Smoke Free School Policy

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.

AIMS

- 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

- Greensborough 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](#)

SCOPE

- 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

- Greensborough 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 Greensborough 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 (ALL YEAR LEVELS) FOUND SMOKING

- **1ST Offence:** Health Education with Secondary School Nurse and parents informed.
- **2nd Offence:** 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
- Greensborough College Communication of School Policies and Procedures Policy
- Greensborough College Student Engagement, Inclusion and Wellbeing Policy

EVALUATION

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

Ratified by School Council September 2018