



Lorne P-12 College

Smoke Free School Policy

PURPOSE

Lorne P – 12 College recognizes the danger smoking, passive smoking and vaping causes to health, as well as the need for the school and its staff to provide positive role models to students. For the protection of staff and students and in accordance with Victorian laws, smoking and vaping are not permitted within any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function by students, staff or visitors. Smoking and vaping 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.

We aim to:

- Achieve a smoke free school environment which sends a clear message that a healthy lifestyle does not include smoking
- Ensure a smoke free environment for students, families, staff, volunteers and visitors
- Deliver a clear and consistent message regarding the dangers of smoking by delivering tobacco and vapour education in one or more learning key areas of the curriculum as part of a whole school approach to health and wellbeing
- Provide information to staff and families about the health benefits of not smoking or vaping
- Fully support the DET Smoking Ban of 2017 and Vaping Ban of 2021.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all school activities, including camps and excursions. It is applicable to all students and staff.

POLICY

The ban includes smoking of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and other smoking paraphernalia and applies to:

- Anyone present on school premises during school hours and after school hours including student in uniform, 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

- Lorne P-12 College will erect no-smoking signs and enforce the ban to prohibit smoking and vaping on school grounds and within four metres of school entrances.
- Staff, families and students will be provided with information about policy requirements through the Lorne P-12 Communication of School Policies.
- All school sanctioned events both on and off school grounds including camps, excursions, sporting events, fetes and celebrations are totally smoke free.
- Staff and students who smoke will be offered support to quit or manage their smoking and/or vaping via referrals to the Health Education 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 parents and guardians of students up request, this includes cigarettes, lighters, tobacco pouches, matches, tobacco rolling paper, vapours, e-cigarettes, e-cigarette fluid, pipes and any other device or materials used for smoking.

CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENTS

Consequences for students found smoking, in possession of cigarettes or vapors, buying cigarettes or vapors from other students or supplying cigarettes or vapors to other students, or as a bystander in the company of smokers or vapors, anywhere in the school environment or whilst travelling to or from school, will be liable to a range of consequences dependent on the circumstance and whether or not previous offences have been recorded at the discretion of the principal.

First incident

- Confiscation of all smoking related items
- Inform parents / guardians via phone call
- Incident report recorded on Compass
- Educative conversation with the School Social Worker
- Detention
- Information supplied to the student to inform them of the health risks and support with quitting.

Second incident

- Confiscation of all smoking related items
- Inform parents / guardians via phone call
- Incident report recorded on Compass
- Referral to School Social Worker for counselling and support
- One day internal suspension / exclusion held at the school
- Information supplied to the student to inform them of the health risks and support with quitting.

Third incident

- Confiscation of all smoking related items
- Formal letter to parents/guardians
- Incident report recorded on Compass
- Two-day external suspension from school
- Support group convened with the student, parent/guardian, year level coordinator and student wellbeing person

- Information supplied to the student to inform them of the health risks and support with quitting.
- Referral to external counselling and support agency

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If the behaviour continues the student will be suspended for each further incident and support outline above to continue. In extreme circumstances a student may be expelled.

Supporting Document

<https://www.quit.org.au/documents/78/electronic-cigarettes-in-workplaces.pdf>

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- *Tobacco Act 1987*
- *Victorian Government’s Legislation website: www.legislation.vic.gov.au*
- *Tobacco reforms website www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms*
- *QUIT website www.quit.org.au*
- *Lorne P-12 College Student Engagement Policy*
- *Lorne P-12 College Inclusion and Diversity Policy*

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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