



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE
Smoking and Vaping Policy

February, 2022

Rationale: The purpose of this policy is to support public health objectives and ensure there is no smoking or use of e-cigarettes (commonly known as 'vaping') on Boronia K-12 College premises (buildings and grounds), within 4 metres of school entrances or at school sanctioned events held off-premises.

Objective:

To achieve a smoke free school environment which sends a clear message that a healthy lifestyle does not include smoking. This policy aims to ensure a smoke free environment for students, families, staff, volunteers, and visitors and to deliver a clear and consistent message regarding the dangers of smoking.

Summary:

- In Victoria, a person must not smoke or use e-cigarettes on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises.
- Inhaling vapour from an e-cigarette is known as vaping. When using an e-cigarette, the user inhales and exhales the vapour, which can look similar to smoking a cigarette.
- The prohibition on smoking includes the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) and applies whether or not the e-cigarette contains nicotine.
- Cigarettes and e-cigarettes cannot be sold to people under 18 years of age.
- Smoking and vaping are also not permitted during school events and excursions held off school premises.
- In Victoria it is illegal for any person aged 18 or over to obtain, possess or use nicotine e-cigarettes, or e-cigarette cartridges containing nicotine, or nicotine liquids for use in a vaporiser, without a prescription.
- It is illegal to sell e-cigarettes to, or buy e-cigarettes for, any person aged under 18 years whether or not the e-cigarettes contain nicotine.
- Whilst it is not unlawful for a person to possess or use e-cigarettes that do not contain nicotine, it is unlawful to use them on school premises or within 4 metres of a school entrance.

Implementation: Proactive measures.

- Boronia K-12 College 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.
- Health and Drug Education in Primary and Secondary programs.
- Access to GP & Adolescent Health Nurse.

Consequences for Students Found Smoking:

Students who are in breach of this policy will be required to hand to the staff member any cigarettes or lighters in their possession.

Student paraphernalia will be confiscated and destroyed, not to be returned to the student or parent. 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.

Staff members report student/s to the appropriate Sub School Team for student and parent follow up.

At first instance:

Reported to the relevant Sub School Team

- The incident is placed on Compass as a smoking incident.
- Suspension and parent meeting.
- Quit information supplied to the student; - <http://www.quit.org.au/> (Effects of smoking on my body)

At second and subsequent instances:

Reported to the relevant Sub School Team

- Suspension increased and further parent consultation.
- Exclusion from area where the smoking behaviour has occurred.
- Referral to counselling session with Drug & alcohol Counsellor organised by SWC.

Resources:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/smoking-vaping-ban/resources>

<http://www.quit.org.au/>

<https://www.quit.org.au/tools/effects-smoking-your-body/>

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