SMOKING & TOBACCO CONTROL POLICY

Rationale:
Our school recognises the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for the school, its staff and parent community to provide positive role models to students. Consequently, for the protection of staff and students, smoking is not permitted within any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function by students, staff or visitors.

AIMS
- To ensure that all students and families are made aware of the dangers of smoking.
- To ensure that students are aware of the impact of advertising, strategies used by tobacco companies for promotion of tobacco products and the impact of tobacco company sponsorship of sports.
- To ensure that students understand the power of peer pressure and the ways to ‘stand strong’.
- To ensure that a fair and reasonable process for responding to incidents of smoking is developed, understood and consistently followed.

GUIDELINES
- Smoking and passive smoking is dangerous to the health of employees and students.
- The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985, requires employers to provide a safe work place, and as far as practical, without risks to health. Consequently, smoking is not permitted in any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function, by students, staff or visitors. Failure by employees to comply with the Act is an offence.
- In addition, staff members are not permitted to smoke outside of the school property within the view of students.

IMPLEMENTATION
- The health risks associated with smoking will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum for all students. Informed choices about smoking will feature amongst the harm minimisation strategies employed in the school’s Individual Schools Drug Education Strategy (ISDES), and our “Saying No To Drugs” program will include sections relating to peer pressure and smoking.
- All students will participate in the Life Education Program in which tobacco control/smoking features at Junior, Middle and Senior Primary School levels.
- All class teachers will incorporate units of work on smoking and tobacco control into class programs based on Life Education Teacher Resources following student participation in the Life Education Program.
- No Smoking signs will be erected at prominent places within and around the school.
- Staff will act as role models, never smoking on school property or within sight of students at any time.
- Staff who smoke will be supported to quit smoking.
- Our No Smoking Policy will be communicated to the community via the school newsletter.
- Parents will be made aware of the effects of smoking, including passive smoking, and their responsibilities as role models for their children.
- Life Education Programs on the harmful effects of smoking, including passive smoking, and parent responsibilities as role models will be offered to parents by Life Education staff.
- All students will be made aware of their responsibilities, and infringements of the policy will be handled in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

EVALUATION
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s review cycle.

Endorsed by School Council: Ashley McEwale School Council President

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