



SMOKE AND VAPE-FREE POLICY

Purpose

Cranbourne South Primary School (CSPS) leadership and staff acknowledge the importance in reducing harm from smoking and vaping. Providing a smoke and vape-free environment contributes to the overall health and wellbeing of the students, staff and families related to the school.

Scope

This policy confirms our commitment to:

- ensuring a smoke and vape-free environment for students, families, staff, volunteers and visitors
- delivering smoking and vaping education in one or more learning key areas of the curriculum as a part of a whole school approach to health and wellbeing eg. developing knowledge, resilience and help-seeking skills of students
- providing information to staff and families about the health benefits of not smoking or vaping
- providing a safe, inclusive and empowering school environment
- implementing strategies to prevent and minimise harm

As a health promoting school, CSPS we will promote positive behaviours in relation to smoking and vaping through learning, policies, creating a safe and healthy physical and social environment and developing community links and partnerships.

Policy Statement

Background

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. 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. It is a legislative requirement that schools display suitable 'No Smoking' signs at all pedestrian access points (entrances) to the school grounds. The legislation defines smoking to include the use of an e-cigarette.



Whole school engagement

It is recognised that every staff member of CSPS has an impact on students' health and can contribute to creating a healthy environment that is smoke and vape-free. All members of the CSPS community including staff, students, families and volunteers will be supported to meet this policy.

Definitions

- Smoke and vape-free: Refers to both traditional and electronic cigarettes ie. e-cigarettes
- Tobacco product: Any device or product that contains organic matter that is heated or burned to create aerosol or smoke that is inhaled by the user
- E-cigarette product: Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are battery-powered devices that come in many forms. They all heat liquids, called e-liquids, into an aerosol that users breathe in. They may contain nicotine, flavourings and a range of harmful and toxic chemicals. Using e-cigarettes is often called 'vaping'

Policy

Leadership and commitment

- Staff, families and students are involved in guiding the development and implementation of whole school policy and practices
- Staff, families and students are provided with information about policy requirements, with opportunities to provide feedback and input

Healthy physical environment

- There is smoke and vape-free signage that can be easily seen and understood by the whole community
- All events, on and off site, are smoke and vape-free
- If external organisations hire or use the premises, a formal agreement ensures the school premises are smoke and vape-free

Healthy culture

- Diversity and cultural practices are considered when implementing this policy and preventative smoking and vaping initiatives
- Staff, families and visitors are required to adhere to legislation and school policies related to smoke and vape-free areas and are asked not to smoke or vape in sight of students
- Staff who smoke are encouraged to take appropriate hygiene measures, such as thoroughly washing their hands, after smoking or vaping so that students are not exposed to second-hand smoke or e-cigarette aerosol



Student teaching and learning

- Smoking and vaping education, including information about related health risks, is appropriately incorporated into the curriculum
- Students who want to quit smoking or vaping are supported to seek information, advice and treatment referrals eg. [Quitline](#)
- Staff are supported to access professional development and resources about smoking and vaping, and best-practice responses to student misuse

Supported staff

- Staff who want to quit smoking or vaping are supported and referred to appropriate agencies eg. [Quitline](#)
- Smoking, vaping, alcohol and other drug policy requirements are included in staff induction/orientation
- Resources about the health risks related to smoking and vaping are available to staff

Families and community partnerships

- Information about health risks related to smoking and vaping is available for families and community members, including information about accessing support services
- Partnerships are established with relevant organisations and health professionals to support smoke and vape-free initiatives where appropriate
- There are no partnerships with organisations that manufacture or wholesale tobacco or e-cigarette products

Legislation

- [Tobacco Act 1987](#)
- [Department of Education: Smoking and Vaping Ban](#)
- [Department of Education School Smoking and Vaping Ban Fact Sheet](#)
- [Department of Education Alcohol and Other Drugs – Students](#)
- [Healthy Schools Achievement Program](#)
- [Education and Training Reform Act 2006](#)

Resources

- Student Wellbeing And Engagement Policy
- Fundraising Policy
- Duty of Care Policy

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's [website](#)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual



- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy from school administration upon request

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact CSPA office personnel and/or Principal.

Review Cycle and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of DET's recommended review cycle.

Mandatory Consultation

Consultation Group	Date Consulted
School Council Policy Sub Committee	Annually or as required
Staff	Induction / onboarding process
Parents	via iNewsletter articles and school website promotion
Student leadership groups	Annually or as required

Due for Review

June 2027

Certification

This policy was ratified at the School Council Meeting held at Cranbourne South Primary School on Wednesday 5th June 2024.

Signed:

Principal

Signed:

School Council President