



Catholic Regional College Sydenham Smoking and Vaping Policy

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 Catholic Regional College Sydenham 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.

Vaping and E-Cigarettes

- 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.

College Actions

- Catholic Regional College Sydenham 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
- Should a student be found smoking or vaping, the Principal requires details of the retailer where they purchased and will report to Police.
- The paraphanaelia 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

Consequences for Students Found Smoking

Staff members take student/s to the office and call the Cluster Coordinator.

1st Offence:

Suspension (1 day) and parent meeting arranged.

Health Education with Cluster Coordinator on return to the College. This is not an approved absence and will result in accrued minutes. Students are expected to access learning materials while at home.

2nd Offence:

Extended Suspension (2 days) and parent meeting arranged.

3rd Offence:

Negotiated transfer - discussion with Principal.

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