



# Smoke-Free School

## Policy

### **RATIONALE:**

Pakenham Secondary College recognises the legal obligations to ensure that smoking does not occur on school premises and ensure that students are aware of the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to a person's health. This policy reflects the Victorian Government policy that all school buildings and grounds have been declared smoke-free. For the protection of staff and students, smoking is not permitted within any area of the school property, nor at any related activity or function involving students, staff or visitors.

### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985 require employers to provide a safe workplace without perceived risks to health. Consequently, smoking is not permitted in any area of the school property.
- Staff members are not permitted to smoke outside the school property within the view of students.
- The health risks associated with smoking will form part of the Health and Physical Education core curriculum for all students. Information about smoking will feature amongst the harm minimisation strategies employed in the school's Individual Schools Drug Education Strategy (IDSES).
- The Smoke Free School policy will be communicated to the community via the school newsletter. Students will be aware of the policy through student assemblies in each sub-school.

### **Consequences.**

The rules for students will be implemented on the basis of the "smoking incident";

1. A student is caught in the act of smoking;

The parents will be contacted and a one day external suspension will be imposed; counselling (Quit Program) will be offered as part of the suspension 'Return to school' program.

2. A student is in the company of smokers;  
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3. A student is in possession of cigarette/s or lighter or matches.

Students will be given consequences for these incidents. Illegal items at school will be confiscated by the teacher and returned only to a parent.

The consequences will be increased for students who repeat a breach of college rules; this is outlined in the Student Engagement Guidelines.

### **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed annually.

*This Policy was ratified at School Council on*