



Rationale

From 13 April 2015, smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.

While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria.

It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable 'No smoking' signs at all entrances to the school grounds.

Frankston Primary School recognises the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for the school and its staff to provide positive role models to students.

The smoking ban applies to:

- Anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups.
- All activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.
- All school sanctioned activities that occur off premises.

Electronic cigarettes

E-cigarettes are electronic devices which heat and vaporise liquids that may or may not contain nicotine and/or flavouring agents. The vapour is inhaled, simulating the act of smoking.

Consequently, for the protection of staff and students, smoking of Electronic 'E-Cigarettes' is not permitted within any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function by students, staff or visitors.

Purpose

- To protect students, staff, parents and volunteers of Frankston Primary School from harmful second hand smoke and vapours.
- To ensure that Frankston Primary School presents a positive image to visitors and members of the community.
- To ensure that Frankston Primary School complies with Victorian Law regarding no smoking bans.
- To ensure that all students are made aware of the dangers of smoking.
- To ensure that a fair and reasonable process for responding to incidents of smoking is developed, understood and consistently followed.

Implementation

Our School will:

- Communicate our Smoke Free Policy to the school community via the newsletter and school website.
- Action the appropriate counselling and/or disciplinary action for staff, visitors/contractors who breach the school's Smoke Free Policy.
- In dealing with student smoking on school premises our school will implement a combination of counselling and disciplinary measures according to the Department of Education and Training guidelines.
- No smoking signage will be displayed in the administration office building and external school entrances.



- If necessary arrange training workshops with Quit Victoria (9635-5529) on how to support staff and young people to quit.
- The leadership team are responsible for ensuring that all staff, students, visitors and contractors are made aware of the policy and that they comply with its requirements.

- People smoking/vaping in prohibited areas, will be asked by Frankston Primary School staff politely to stop and advised they are breaching school and Department of Education and Training policy. Refusal to stop is unacceptable and will be reported to the leadership team. Failure to conform to the requirements of this policy by smoking/vaping on school premises or refusing to stop when requested constitutes a disciplinary offence and possible report to the policy. Contractors who refuse to stop smoking/vaping should be asked to leave the premises, issued a non-conformance sub-contractor report, and if required reported to the police.

References

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms/>

To view the legislation visit

<http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/> and search *Tobacco Act 1987*

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/smokingban.aspx>

[Drug Education - Learning and Teaching](#): which has downloadable 'No Smoking' signs and resources

Support for those that smoke

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

Related legislation

- Tobacco Act 1987
- Education and Training Reform Act 2006
- Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007

DEVELOPED	2019
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EVALUATION	This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle, or as required due to changes in relevant Acts, Laws, DET mandates, or should situations arise that require earlier consideration.