

SMOKE FREE POLICY

RATIONALE:

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*.

Smoke-free areas:

- protect the community from exposure to second hand tobacco smoke
- make smoking in the community less acceptable, so it is understood as being harmful
- support people who have quit or are trying to quit smoking

AIMS:

To ensure that the Findon Community is aware of and adhere to the Smoke Free Policy to protect all stakeholders within the community.

To provide the community with an environment that is guaranteed to be smoke free and send a clear message that a healthy lifestyle does not include smoking.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The school will erect no smoking signs and enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school grounds and within four metres of school entrances
- The smoking ban applies to:
 - anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/caregivers or the wider community, such as sporting groups
 - all activities that take place on school premises including preschools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes
- The school will communicate the ban to:
 - Department employees
 - parents/caregivers via the school correspondence
- The school will include smoke free learning into teaching and learning programs
- The school will remind the school community that smoking is actively discouraged at all times including at school sanctioned events held on and off school premises
- The school will encourage Department employees who require support complying with the ban to use the Employee Assistance Program and contact Converge International (1800-337-068)
- If necessary, the school will arrange training workshops with Quit Victoria (9635-5529) on how to support staff and young people to quit
- Community members who breach this policy will be asked to leave the premises or activity

EVALUATION:

This policy shall be reviewed as part of the ongoing policy and process review

REFERENCE:

DET School Policy Guide

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

Victorian State Government – Health.vic

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/tobacco-reform/smoke-free-areas>

DET Drug Education Teaching and Learning

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/pages/drugedulearn.aspx>