

Smoking and Vaping Policy

Rationale:

From 13 April 2015, smoking and using e-cigarettes (vapes) has been 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*. A person breaking these new laws may be issued with an on-the-spot fine of \$184.92 or a fine of up to \$924.60 if court action is taken.

Smoking and vaping are not permitted in any area of the school property, nor at any school-related activity or function, by students, staff or visitors.

Lakes Entrance Secondary College has established the following procedures to be followed in instances of student smoking or vaping.

Aims:

- Protect students and staff from second-hand smoke and the aerosol from e-cigarettes.
- De-normalise smoking and vaping.
- Develop awareness of health risks associated with smoking and vaping.

Implementation - Student Smoking/Vaping Incident Procedures:

First Incident

- Inform parent/guardian.
- Meeting with Year Level Coordinator - to develop a Risk Reduction Agreement Program and reiterate the school's Smoking and Vaping Policy with the student. Participate in a session with the student on the health risks associated with smoking/vaping.

Subsequent Incident/s

- In-school suspension program for all lunch and recess breaks as a preventative measure (duration to be determined based on level of support required).

N.B. Staff reserve the right to omit any of the above steps based on individual circumstances.

Review Cycle:

This policy was last updated on February 15th 2023 and is scheduled for review in February 2026.