



SMOKE-FREE POLICY

Rationale

Since 13 April 2015 the amended *Tobacco Act 1987* (Vic) (the **Act**) prohibits smoking within the grounds of, and at and within 4 metres of an entrance (pedestrian access points) to, all Victorian primary and secondary schools premises. The Act also prohibits smoking when activities such as fetes, sporting events and school holiday programs take place on school grounds.

Malvern Central School (*the School*) recognises that role modelling can have a significant impact on students, and smoke-free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable. The School believes that prohibiting smoking denormalises smoking and discourages students from taking it up. The School recognises that exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful to health and that the School community has a right to be protected.

This Smoke-free Policy (the **Policy**) applies to all staff, students, visitors, contractors and volunteers at the School at all times.

The totally smoke-free status of our school will be clearly signed at the entrance to, and within school grounds.

Implementation

Application of the Policy to students

The School views smoking primarily as a health issue and believe smoking prevention education is best delivered within the context of the school curriculum, as part of the broader personal and social capabilities in the Victorian Curriculum and where a whole-of-school approach to health and wellbeing is evident.

Application of the Policy to visitors

All visitors of the School must comply with this Policy. If a Visitor is smoking in a non-smoking area, a staff member should:

1. Assume that the visitor is unaware of the Policy.
2. Remind them that the School has a Smoke-free Policy and request them to stop smoking or move to a designated smoking area.

Resources:

- DET School Policy & Advisory Guide - Retrieved 29 September, 2015, from

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

Evaluation

This Policy will be reviewed as part of the School's three-year review cycle.

- Review Date: **2018**

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in: October 2015