



# Smoking at School - Policy

"Donald High School is a Child Safe School"

## Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to support public health objectives and ensure there is no smoking or use of e-cigarettes (commonly known as 'vaping') on school premises (buildings and grounds), within 4 metres of school entrances or at school sanctioned events held off-premises.

Smoking is prohibited in all DET buildings at all times and staff, students and parents are required to conform to this ruling.

## Policy

- In Victoria, a person must not smoke or use e-cigarettes on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises.
- Inhaling vapour from an e-cigarette is known as 'vaping'. When using an e-cigarette, the user inhales and exhales the vapour, which can look similar to smoking a cigarette. The prohibition on smoking includes the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) and applies whether or not the e-cigarette contains nicotine.
- It is a legislative requirement that schools display suitable 'No Smoking' signs at all pedestrian access points (entrances) to the school grounds. The legislation defines smoking to include the use of an e-cigarette.
- Smoking and vaping are also not permitted during school events and excursions held off school premises.

## The smoking and vaping ban applies to:

- anyone present on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents or carers or the wider community, such as sporting groups.
- all activities that take place on school premises including cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.

## Consequences:

Adults smoking or vaping on the school site will be asked to stop by the school principal and will be made aware of current legislation banning smoking on DET school sites.

Students caught smoking or vaping will be asked to stop, have their parents informed and face possible sanctions such as detention, in school suspension or out of school suspensions. They will also be provided with counselling on the impacts and dangers of smoking and vaping.

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