



Smoking Ban

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1. Background and information

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*. A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens is also in place.
- 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.
- It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable 'No smoking' signs at all entrances to the school grounds.
- Signs and other communication materials, such as posters and brochures, are available to order free-of-charge from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- 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.
- It is illegal to obtain, possess or use e-cigarettes, or their cartridges, which contain nicotine in Victoria. On this basis students, teachers and employees of the Department are banned from possessing or using e-cigarettes, or their cartridges, containing nicotine on school grounds.
- It is not illegal in Victoria to obtain, possess or use e-cigarettes that do not contain nicotine. However, individual schools may choose to ban all e-cigarettes, including those that do not contain nicotine, on the basis of student health and safety and that it may be difficult to determine if nicotine is being used.
- The 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.

Further information may be obtained from:

Reference:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/pages/smokingban.aspx

Please refer also to the school's *Drug Education & Use Policy* and the *School Facilities Hire/Shared Use Policy*.

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

2. Carranballac College Smoking Ban Policy (October 2016)

Purpose

- To ensure there is no smoking on school grounds or near school entrances.
- To ensure Carranballac P-9 College complies with DET policy and guidelines and the provisions of the
 - *Tobacco Act 1987*
 - *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*
 - *Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007*

Implementation

- This School Council bans all smoking on Carranballac College school grounds and at school events including excursions and camps. This includes e-cigarettes of any kinds, whether containing nicotine or not.

Ratification and Review

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle or if guidelines change.
- This update was ratified by School Council on 18th October 2016

3. Carranballac College Smoking Ban Procedures

- The School Council will communicate its smoke free policy to all employees, parent/guardians via the Newsletter and new families upon enrolment.
- The health risks associated with smoking will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum for all students.
- Informed choices about smoking will feature amongst the harm minimisation strategies employed in the school's Drug Education/Use Program.
- A whole school approach will be used regarding tobacco education.
- No smoking signs will be erected at each entrance of the school premises to reinforce the ban on smoking within school grounds and within four metres of school entrances.
- School Council will ensure that all agreements entered into by the School Council include a requirement that the other party agrees to comply with the smoking ban when on school premises.
- All staff and other volunteers attending events, excursions and camps will be informed of the policy.