



SMOKING LAUNCHING PLACE POLICY

Rationale:

Smoking is not permitted in many areas within the broader community. Smoking, in this document, refers to the inhalation of tobacco using any device including cigarettes. Launching Place Primary School recognises and is concerned for student and staff wellbeing in relation to the dangers of smoking and passive smoking.

On 1 July 2009 the Minister for Education exercised the power under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* to prohibit smoking in all government schools.

The smoking ban applies to:

1. Anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups.
2. All activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.

In addition:

1. The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985: The OH&S Act 1985 requires employers to provide a safe work place, as far as practicable, without risks to health. Failure to comply with the Act is an offence.
2. The Tobacco Act 1987: Under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987, from 13th April 2015, smoking will be banned within the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all Victorian childcare centres, pre-schools and primary and secondary schools.

Aims:

Launching Place Primary School aims:

1. To make every effort to set a positive example for young people about health matters in general and tobacco prevention education in particular.
2. To implement strategies that ensure all members of the school community know their responsibilities in this area.
3. To comply with the prohibition of smoking on, and within four metres of, Victorian Government school premises and "Smoke-free schools: Tobacco Prevention and Management Guidelines" for Victorian Schools.

Implementation:

- Launching Place Primary School staff will enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school premises.
- All staff, students and visitors must not smoke on school premises, or within four metres of the school's boundaries.
- Smoking is prohibited at school events held off school premises.
- Smoking is actively discouraged when in view of students.
- Health promotion campaigns about tobacco will be implemented and supported by the school.
- All students understand that objects such as cigarettes, lighters or matches are not allowed at school.
- The Smoking Policy, which prohibits smoking in all government schools will be published on the Launching Place Primary School website.
- 'Smoke Free School' and 'No Smoking' signs will be prominently displayed throughout the school.

Resources:

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

Evaluation:

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