



Footscray North
PRIMARY SCHOOL



SMOKING & VAPING BAN POLICY

Policy & Guidance

- In Victoria, a person must not smoke or use e-cigarettes on school premises or within four 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.
- Cigarettes and e-cigarettes cannot be sold to people under 18 years of age.
- 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.
- In Victoria, a person must not smoke in a motor vehicle if a person under 18 years is also present in the motor vehicle.
- The smoking and vaping ban applies to:
 - anyone 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 pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes

Purpose

- 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 four metres of school entrances or at school sanctioned events held off-premises at Footscray North Primary School.

Definition

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are electronic devices which heat and vaporise liquids that may or may not contain nicotine or flavouring agents. The vapour is inhaled, simulating the act of smoking.

Implementation

- The school will erect 'No Smoking' signs and enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school grounds and within four metres of school entrances.
- The Principal will communicate the smoking ban to:
 - Department employees
 - Parents/carers via the school newsletter
 - new students and parents or carers during the enrolment process
- The Principal will:
 - ensure that the whole school community understands that smoking is banned on school premises and within four metres of school entrances
 - remind the school community that smoking is banned at school-sanctioned events held off school premises
 - encourage Department employees who require support complying with the ban to either:

- call the Quitline on [13 7848](tel:137848). Quitline is a friendly, confidential telephone service. A Quitline counsellor is trained to listen carefully and provide practical advice tailored for each person.
 - use the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) or contact LifeWorks ([1300 361 008](tel:1300361008))
 - if necessary, arrange [training with Quit Victoria](#) on how to support staff and young people to quit
 - make tobacco education information available
- Please refer also the school's *Hire of Facilities* and the *Fund Raising (Including Fetes) Policies*.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle or if guidelines change (latest DET update late January 2021).

An operational policy

School Council Approval No Longer Required

Reference:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/smoking--vaping-ban>