LALOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

Anti-Smoking Policy

2013-2014

AIMS

To ensure there is no smoking on school premises. Ensure a consistency in terms of how to deal with issues of students smoking in school.

Ensure students understand the risks and harms of smoking.
RATIONALE

The uptake of smoking occurs predominantly among adolescents. Lalor Secondary College has established procedures to discourage the practice of smoking.

Smoking is not permitted in many areas within the broader community. Due to Duty of Care and Occupational, Health and Safety (OH&S) the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has a no smoking policy on school property (buildings and grounds) and at any school related activity or function. Lalor Secondary College recognises and is concerned for student and staff wellbeing in relation to the dangers of smoking and passive smoking. Students and staff will be made aware of the college’s smoke free policy. All student incidences of smoking will be recorded and students will be referred for education regarding smoking.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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:

- 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.

In addition:- The Occupational Health and Safety Act. The Occupational Health and Safety 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.

DEFINITION

Smoking in this document refers to the inhalation of tobacco using any device including cigarettes.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers / staff members will:
Provide information and education to students in regards to tobacco and nicotine within relevant curriculum structure and Wellbeing Programs.
Ensure incidents of smoking are reported to the relevant student manager and recorded on the Lalor Secondary College Student Management Tool.
Confiscate cigarettes and lighters where reasonable

Student Management Teams will:
Notify parents and where possible invite parents to participate in the education process.
Apply disciplinary consequences as per the Student Code of Behaviour.
If deemed appropriate provide a referral for support and counselling.

Students must not:
Bring smoking materials to school or on school activities and excursions.
Smoke on school grounds.
Smoke while wearing the school uniform.
Smoke while representing the school.
Students who are in breach of this policy will:
Hand to the teacher or student manager any cigarettes or lighters in their possession

Parents will:
Comply with the school no smoking policy and refrain from smoking while on school property.
Will support and work with the school in finding a positive outcome where their child is found to have breached the Policy.

School Procedures
The following procedures are to be implemented when a student is found smoking or in the company of smokers, on school premises or at a school sponsored activity:

At first instance:

1. Reported to the relevant Student Manager.
   • Name of student placed in the Student Management Tool
   • Two detentions and parents informed by letter which must be signed and returned to school the following day
   • Quit information supplied to student

At second instance:

• Reported to the relevant Assistant Principal
• Suspension and parent meeting arranged

Subsequent instances:

2. Suspension increased.
   • Exclusion from area where the smoking behaviour has occurred
   • Further parent consultation

Related Documents.

Education and Training Reform Act 2006
Lalor Secondary College Student Code of Behaviour 2012
Lalor Secondary College Student Engagement policy 2010-2012
Lalor Secondary College Incident Report Form

Parent Letter – See below.-This letter is signed by the relevant AP for the year level.
Dear ..........................................................

Today your child ......................................................... of Home Group ............ was found
smoking at/on the way to and/or from school/whilst wearing the school uniform/
whilst representing the school.

This is a most serious matter. All Government Schools are now "smoke free zones" as required by health
regulations. Your child’s behaviour is in breach of the Lalor Secondary College Anti-Smoking Policy
(as outlined in the Code of Behaviour). As a result, your child has been given two detentions and is now
listed on the smoking register.

Please telephone me at the school to discuss the subsequent implications.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. C. Jewell
Assistant Principal

Please detach here and return to the Assistant Principal

Student’s Name:.........................................................Home Group..................

I have received your letter dated.................................................................................

Signature of Parent:...............................................................Date:.........................