

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Keysborough Secondary College.
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The purpose of this policy is to ensure there is _____ on Keysborough Secondary College grounds, at Keysborough Secondary College functions or Activities, or near the entrances to Keysborough Secondary College.

Our College recognises the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for Keysborough Secondary College and its staff to provide positive role models to students.

To ensure that all students are made aware of the dangers of smoking and to ensure that a fair and reasonable process for responding to incidents of smoking is developed, understood and consistently followed, the Anti-Smoking Policy has been developed.

This policy applies to the whole Keysborough Secondary College including events held off the College grounds; and also applies at any time students are wearing the Keysborough Secondary College uniform outside of College hours (eg. walking to and from school). This policy also applies to Vaping and the use of e-cigarettes.

Smoking causes an estimated 20% of the nation's cancer disease burden each year and smoking is the biggest preventable cause of cancer.

In Australia, 90% of lung cancer cases are estimated to be a result of tobacco smoking.

Smoking can also cause 15 other cancer types, including oral cavity, larynx, uterine, cervix, ovary, urinary pharynx, bladder, kidney, ureter and bone marrow (myeloid leukaemia), oesophagus, stomach, bowel, liver, pancreas, nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses.

Studies have shown that risk of dying increases with the number of cigarettes smoked. Smoking just 10 cigarettes per day doubles your risk of dying and smoking more than 25 cigarettes a day increases your risk of dying four-fold compared to those who have never smoked. Current smokers are estimated to die an average of 10 years earlier than non-smokers.

Tobacco smoke contains more than 7000 chemicals, over 70 of which are known to cause cancer. When cigarette smoke is inhaled these chemicals enter the lungs and spread through the body via blood and lymph systems.

Tobacco smoking is the largest preventable cause of cancer, responsible for more cancer deaths in Australia than any other single factor and it is also directly responsible for many heart and lung diseases. Smoking affects the smoker, as well as those around them.

enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school grounds and within 4 metres of school entrances.

The smoking ban applies to:

anyone present on school premises during and after 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

Keysborough Secondary College will communicate the smoking ban to:

all Department employees
parents or carers via the school newsletter
new students and parents or carers during the enrolment process

Keysborough Secondary College Principals will:

ensure that the whole school community understands that smoking is banned on school premises and within 4 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 use the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and contact [Converge International \(1800 337 068\)](tel:1800337068)
if necessary, arrange training workshops with [Quit Victoria \(03 9635 5529\)](tel:0396355529) on how to support staff and young people to quit
if advice is required about the drug education policy, curriculum learning strategies and the process of responding to a young person who has been smoking at school refer to the smoke free schools resources at the [Better Health Channel](#)
make tobacco education information available

Vaping and Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are Banned:

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 illegal in Victoria to obtain, possess or use e-cigarettes that do not contain nicotine.

Keysborough Secondary College bans all e-cigarettes, including those that do not contain nicotine, on the basis of the law and student, staff and visitor health and safety.

The following penalties are automatically imposed when students are caught smoking, vaping or with other drugs. Note that if some members of a group of students are smoking or vaping, all students are liable to be penalised. It is the responsibility of students not to remain with students who are smoking.

First offence: after school detention (clean up), warning, confiscation of cigarettes, phone call to parents from Year Level Leader and Quit Telephone number 13 18 48 given to students and referral to Wellbeing Services

Second offence: after school detention (clean up) x 2, warning, confiscation of cigarettes, phone call to parents from Year Level Lrocess0.000008871 0 595.32 841.92 reW'hBT/F2 9.96 Tf1 0 0 1 206.21 250.7 Tm24 370 (e)4(ar)

Drug Education Policy.

[Smoking Ban Policy](#)

[Health Care Needs Policy](#)

[Education and Training Reform Act 2006 \(Victoria\)](#)

[Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017 \(Victoria\)](#)

[Tobacco Act 1987 \(Victoria\)](#)

[The Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 \(Victoria\)](#)

This policy will be communicated to our College community in the following ways:

Available publicly on our school's website

Included in staff induction processes

Included on our Staff Intranet

Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required

Discussed at parent information nights/sessions

Included in transition and enrolment packs

Included as annual reference in school newsletter

Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

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