



Smoke Free Policy

Purpose Statement

In the context of this policy the reference to smoking applies to cigarettes and e-cigarettes.

Living Waters Lutheran College values and respects the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. We recognise the danger that smoking and passive smoking causes to health. As most adult smokers report that they took up smoking while at school age, the College knows that it must do all it can to educate students about the dangers and encourage students not to smoke.

Aim

Living Waters Lutheran College is committed to being a smoke free school and supporting the health and wellbeing of staff and students. In line with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines:

- Smoking is banned within the school grounds
- Students, staff and parents are not permitted to smoke in school premises, on the school grounds (including car park) or at school functions and activities
- An ongoing communication strategy is implemented to inform the whole school community of the reasons for a smoke free policy
- All members of the school community are aware of their role in implementing a smoke free environment
- Support is given for targeted students

Guidelines

Establishing a smoke free environment requires a consistent whole school approach inclusive of all members of the school community, parents and the wider community.

- To deliver a tobacco and prevention management strategy as part of a whole school approach to health and well being
- Adopt a communication strategy to inform the whole school community of the policy and the reasons for its existence
- To deliver tobacco education in the context of the school health curriculum
- To provide whole school professional development education to staff
- To involve parents as partners in tobacco education
- To identify and support students who are vulnerable to becoming regular smokers and be given intensive support and counselling
- To support students to stop smoking
- To involve parents in the management of young person's tobacco use
- To access resources from community-based agencies to avoid or reduce the student's use of tobacco.
- Audit and evaluate tobacco management strategies regularly as part of the school's review cycle.

Key Responsibilities

SMOKE FREE SCHOOL PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS BREACHING SCHOOL POLICY

Living Waters Lutheran College is a Smoke Free School.

Students will be subject to consequences if:

- found smoking,
- or in the company of others smoking,
- in possession of cigarettes or
- supplying cigarettes to other students while at school, in school uniform, or at a sponsored school activity

The emphasis of the College procedure is to put the health and wellbeing of students first.

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