



SMOKE and VAPE FREE ENVIRONMENTS AND REGULATED PRODUCTS POLICY

OUTCOME STATEMENT

Our school promotes a smokefree and vapefree lifestyle to all members of the community. Our smokefree and vapefree policy complies with the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990.

SCOPE

The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 directs that all school buildings and grounds are smokefree and vapefree 24 hours a day, seven days a week (with no exemptions). The education provisions in the Act aim to:

- prevent the exposure of children and young people to second-hand smoke
- prevent children and young people from being influenced by seeing others smoke or vape
- prevent students from taking up smoking and vaping
- send a positive message about a smokefree and vapefree lifestyle as the norm and as a right of all young people.

The law applies to anyone on school grounds, including students, staff, visiting parents, caregivers and whaanau, contractors, and people hiring or using the school facilities outside school hours.

EXPECTATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

To comply with the legislation, our school will ensure that everyone coming on to the school site is aware that the entire grounds are smokefree and vapefree at all times. This means we will:

- display Smokefree and 'No Vaping' signs at the entrance to the school grounds and around the school site
- advise contractors and other people working at school of our smokefree and vapefree policy
- communicate this policy to our school community through our website and other means
- ensure that people hiring or using the school facilities are aware of the policy, that there are no exemptions and that it applies 24 hours a day, seven days a week

PROCEDURE

Students found smoking or vaping in or around our school are offered appropriate counselling and education. Parents/caregivers will be contacted, and we will encourage them to deal with the smoking or vaping as a health issue rather than a discipline issue.

If a student (including those 18 years and older) is found to be providing tobacco or vapes to other students, their parents/caregivers will be contacted. They will be given education around the harms of smoking and vaping, as well as the laws around supplying to people under 18.

Any adults smoking or vaping in or around our school environment will be reminded that the school is smokefree and vapefree by law. They will be asked to stop smoking/vaping immediately or leave the premises and move to a place where students cannot see them.

LEGISLATION

[Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990](#)

The Wesley College School Board approved this policy May 2024.
This policy will be reviewed on / before the May meeting 2027.

PRESIDING MEMBER

23 May 2024
DATE