

Nelson College Policy

1.8 SMOKEFREE



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Policy Statement:

Nelson College will protect staff and students from exposure to tobacco smoke by imposing a total smoking ban. The ban will apply to buildings and grounds, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and include events run at the college by outside parties.

Students will be presented with non-smoking role models at school, smoking will be prohibited by all persons on the school site and students will be educated about the health risks associated with smoking.

Policy Rationale:

The Smokefree Environments Act (1990), and its amendments 2001, requires schools to implement a Smokefree policy.

Tobacco is a toxic substance associated with many health problems for the community. Students should be educated and informed about the risks involved with tobacco use.

Guidelines:

This policy does not include staff residences on site for which rental is paid.

Procedures:

- Smoking at school – consequences – disciplinary
- Tobacco use and consequences – refer to Health Education programme
- **Communication of Smokefree policy:**
 - Smokefree signs will be displayed prominently and throughout the school
 - Smokefree policy will be communicated to new staff through the staff manual
 - Smokefree policy will be communicated to coaches through “Guidelines for coaches” – refer to the Sports Education policy.
 - Smokefree policy will be communicated to parents through the newsletter once a year
- Role modelling by staff, coaches and parent helpers at school events
- Smokefree use of facilities by outside hirers – information included in package for outside hirers.

Related information:

Smokefree Environments Act (1990) and amendments