



Rationale:

Traralgon College recognises the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for the school and its staff to provide positive role models to students. Consequently, for the protection of staff and students, smoking is not permitted within any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function by students, staff or visitors.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- Smoking and passive smoking is dangerous to the health of employees and students.
- The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985, requires employers to provide a safe work place, and as far as practical, without risks to health. Consequently, smoking is not permitted in any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function, by students, staff or visitors. Failure by employees to comply with the Act is an offence.
- In addition, staff members are not permitted to smoke outside of the school property within the view of students.
- The health risks associated with smoking will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum for all students. Informed choices about smoking will feature amongst the harm minimisation strategies employed in the school's Individual Schools Drug Education Strategy (ISDES), and our "Saying No To Drugs" program will include sections relating to peer pressure and smoking.
- No Smoking signs will be erected at prominent places within the school.
- Our No Smoking policy will be communicated to the community via the school newsletter.
- A combination of counselling and disciplinary measures will accompany any incidents of smoking. They include:
 - First Offence: Student warned by teacher
 - Second Offence: Parent/guardian contacted and advised.
 - Third Offence: Suspension for breaching clearly communicated policy.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year ISDES review cycle.

References:

SOTF Reference Guide – 4.6.8, Exec Memo 302 – Smokefree Workplaces,
Quit campaign – ph: 131 848

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....