

Rationale

Wedge Park Primary School 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. The Minister for Education exercised the power vested in the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* Section 5.2.6(1) to issue an Order which bans smoking on Victorian Government school grounds - effective July 1, 2009).

Aims

- To achieve a smoke-free school environment for all occupants of Wedge Park Primary School in accordance with Government policy.
- To make visitors aware of the smoke-free workplace policy.
- To promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle for students and staff.

Implementation

- Provide a smoke-free environment for all school occupants.
- Smoking is banned in school buildings, school premises and within 4 metres of the school entrances. This ban applies to all staff, students and visitors.
- Smoking is banned in view of students during all functions and activities involving students, which are being conducted on or off school premises (e.g. discos, picnics, camps, excursions etc). This ban applies to all staff, students and visitors.
- No smoking is permitted at all between arrival and departure times of the school day.
- Ensure that No Smoking signs are displayed prominently and that visitors to the school are made aware of the Smoke Free Workplace Policy.
- Ensure that visitors who persist in smoking on school premises be asked to leave the premises.
- 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).
- Our Smoke Free Workplace policy will be communicated to the community via the school newsletter and website.

Further Information and Resources

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/smokingban.aspx>