

LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

SMOKE FREE POLICY

Rationale

Our 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. The Occupational Health and Safety Act requires employers to provide a safe work place, and as far as practical, without risks to health. The Tobacco (Amendment) Act 2005 prohibits smoking in enclosed workplaces and at under aged music/dance events, and in 2009 the Minister for Education banned smoking in all schools. 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:

- staff will be made aware of the Tobacco (Amendment) Act 2005
- school council does not permit school staff and visitors 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. A whole school approach will be used regarding Tobacco education with a major focus in grades 5 and 6
- No Smoking signs are erected at prominent places within the school, and at all music/dance/sporting events and functions
- our No Smoking Policy will be communicated to the community via the school newsletter
- the appropriate counselling and/or disciplinary action will be taken against staff who breach the school's No-Smoking Policy
- for any incidents of student smoking the parents will be contacted, the No Smoking Policy will be revisited and counselling offered.

Evaluation:

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

Approved by School Council: August 2014

Review Date: August 2017