



NO SMOKING

POLICY

Rationale:

- Pakenham Secondary College recognises its legal obligation to ensure that smoking does not occur on school premises as well as the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to a person's health. 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:

- 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.
- 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).
- 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:	Contact made with parent, student reminded of No Smoking policy, and entry made on RISC
Second Offence:	Contact made with parent, counselling provided by Sue Banning, student given yard duty for two days and entry made on RISC
Third Offence:	Internal suspension given, further counselling provided and entry made on RISC

Evaluation:

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