

Rationale:

Lowanna College recognises the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for the College 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 College property, nor at any College 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:

1. On July 1 2009, the Minister for Education exercised the power under the Training and Reform Act 2006 to prohibit smoking in all Government schools.
2. The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985, requires employers to provide a safe workplace, and as far as is practicable, without risks to health. Consequently, smoking is not permitted in any area of the College property, nor at any College related activity or function, by students, staff or visitors. Failure by employees to comply with the Act is an offence.
3. In addition, staff members are not permitted to smoke outside of the College property within view of students.
4. The health risks associated with smoking will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum for students, and both our Health and Pastoral programs will include units relating to peer pressure and smoking.
5. 'No Smoking' signs will be erected at prominent places within the College.
6. The Smoking policy will be communicated to the College community via the usual pathways.
7. Any incidents of smoking will result in a combination of counselling and disciplinary measures. They include:
 - a. First Incident: Parent contact from coordinator. Student attends lunchtime detention and completes one of the ten Tobacco Action Packs. Completed work will be submitted to the Adolescent Health Nurse for review and follow up.
 - b. Second Incident: Parent contact from coordinator. Student attends after school detention and meets with the Adolescent Health Nurse for support with harm minimisation strategies/QUIT program.
 - c. Third Incident (and beyond): Parent contact from coordinator. Student receives an internal suspension and meets with the Adolescent Health Nurse for support with harm minimisation strategies/QUIT program.

Evaluation:

This policy will undergo a major review as part of the College's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by College Council on 20 March 2017.