

California Gully Primary School

Smoke-Free Policy

PURPOSE

Smoking is an addictive habit that generally starts in childhood. Smoking causes an appalling amount of preventable death, disability and suffering. Passive smoking is now also known to be harmful to health.

As a *health promoting school*, California Gully Primary School acknowledges its responsibility to provide a healthy learning and working environment for its students, staff and other school visitors. The school also wishes to support the health benefits of a smoke-free environment by ensuring students have access to relevant and comprehensive education about smoking.

Objectives of the Policy

- Ω Following the guidelines outlined in the Victorian Prevention and Health Promotion Achievement Program set up procedures, strategies and an environment to educate the school community in relation to *'a smoke free school is a healthy school'*
- Ω To demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of its students, staff and the community it serves.

The Policy

California Gully Primary School will be a non-smoking environment, both indoors and outdoors.

The regulations which support the smoke-free policy of our school are listed below.

Implementation

- Ω Students will have access to relevant comprehensive and effective **health education** about smoking prevention.
- Ω Teachers will be provided with opportunities for **professional development** that will enhance their capacity to provide effective health education.
- Ω The school will aim to ensure that adequate **resources** are available within the school to support the teaching of healthy attitudes.
- Ω The school will ensure that any smoking education programs offered are consistent with the accepted principles of drug education in schools.
- Ω **Staff**, including teaching, relief teaching, support and other non-teaching staff, may not smoke while on the school premises, (this includes the school car park), and/or while engaged in school-related activity outside the school grounds.
- Ω **Visitors** to the school, including parents, suppliers and contractors will not be permitted to smoke on school premises, (this includes the school car park). Parent

helpers involved in school related activities outside the school grounds will abstain from smoking

- Ω Persons using the school premises under a lease or hire agreement, for whatever purpose at any time are not permitted to smoke on the school premises.

Implementation of the policy

- Ω Members of staff will be given a copy of the policy.
- Ω Parents will be informed via the school newsletter.
- Ω Members of staff will inform visitors, new students, and new staff as appropriate.
- Ω Signs and notices will be posted around the school (where appropriate).
- Ω The smoke-free policy will be enforced.

Evaluation

The policy will be monitored annually by the principal, school council and the *Health Promoting School* working group.

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2013