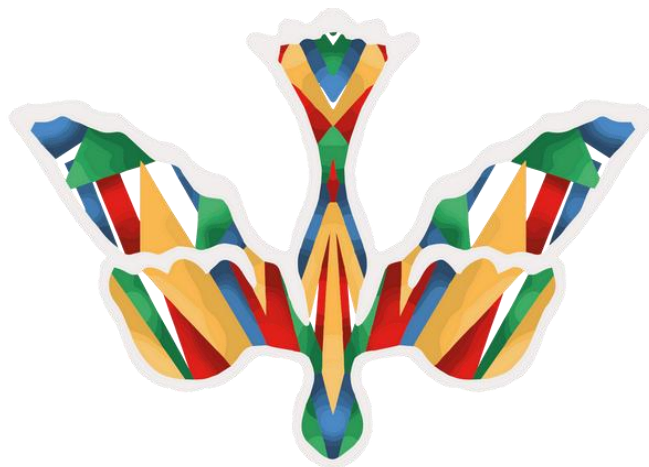

Vaping School Policy

The McAuley Catholic High School



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School Policy on Vaping

Introduction: Vaping has become increasingly prevalent among young people in recent years, presenting serious health risks and concerns. As an educational institution committed to promoting the well-being of our students and staff, McAuley Catholic High School has established the following policy regarding vaping on school premises and on the journeys to and from school. This vaping policy also applies to all school led trips and visits.

Policy Statement:

1. Prohibition of Vaping Products:

- The possession, use, distribution, or sale of vaping products is strictly prohibited on all school property, including but not limited to buildings, grounds, parking lots, and school-sponsored events.
- The possession, use, distribution, or sale of vaping products on buses on the journey to and from school is also strictly prohibited. Failure to comply may result in either a temporary or permanent bus ban
- Hand-held metal scanners may be used in school in conjunction with the right to search students if there is reason to believe that they may have vapes and associated paraphernalia in school (See use of scanners policy)
- Any vapes and vaping liquid found will be confiscated and returned only if a parent /carer comes to collect it/them at the end of the school day

2. Education and Awareness:

- The school will implement educational programs and initiatives aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of vaping and its impact on health.
- Teachers, administrators, and other staff members will be trained to recognize signs of vaping and provide appropriate support and resources to students.

3. Enforcement:

- Violation of the school's vaping policy will result in application of sanctions, which may include but is not limited to:
 - Counselling and education about the risks of vaping.
 - Parental notification.
 - Temporary or permanent bus bans
 - Suspension or other disciplinary measures as outlined in the school's code of conduct.

4. Support Services:

- The school will provide information on support services for students who are struggling with vaping addiction or seeking help to quit.
- Referrals to counselling services, support groups, and cessation programs will be available for students in need.

5. Collaboration with Parents/Guardians:

- The school encourages open communication with parents/guardians regarding the dangers of vaping and the school's efforts to address this issue.
- Parents/guardians will be informed about the school's vaping policy and encouraged to reinforce anti-vaping messages at home.

6. Community Partnerships:

- The school will collaborate with community organisations, healthcare providers, and local authorities to address vaping-related issues and promote healthy behaviours among students.

Conclusion: By implementing and enforcing this policy, the school aims to create a safe and supportive environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, free from the harmful effects of vaping.

Policy Review: This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and relevance in addressing the evolving challenges associated with vaping among young people.

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