



BATHGATE PARK SCHOOL: SMOKE FREE / VAPE FREE POLICY

RATIONALE:

Bathgate Park School is smoke free and vape free, as required by the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (s.7A). We comply with the Act and have a smoke free and vape free policy as part of our commitment to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for students, staff, and the school community (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Education and Training Act 2020).

Bathgate Park School recognises that smoking / vaporising in school settings presents students and others with a mixed message regarding tobacco consumption and inhaling vapor. Bathgate Park acknowledges evidence that indicates that smoking / vaping within a school can contribute to the uptake of smoking by young people both now and in the future. We also recognise that the health and well-being of staff and other users of the school may be negatively affected by smoking / vaporising and respect the right of employees and students to a smoke free environment.

PURPOSE:

- To comply with the Smoke Free Environment (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Act 2022, and other laws requiring smoke free environments.
- To provide a totally smoke free environment at Bathgate Park School.

ACTIONS:

- Smoking / vaping shall not be permitted anywhere within the buildings, grounds (including school car parks and pick-up and drop-off areas) or school vans of Bathgate Park School at any time, nor at any official school activity such as camp, field-trips, sports events etc. We include the school road crossing (and rostered adults) in our smoke free and vape free zone. This includes private vehicles being used for school related activities.
- Anyone (employees, parents, external organisations, contractors or individuals) using school facilities or on the school grounds are to be notified of the school's smoke and vape free policy and that the policy applies to them whilst on the property. This will be done using signage around the school grounds, verbal notification, and/or copies of this policy.
- This policy applies to all smoking and vaping products, including e-cigarettes.
- Educate students through the curriculum about the harmful effects of smoking, vaping, and exposure to second-hand smoke.
- Complaints whereby notification of any breach of our smoke free policy can be made to the Principal.

- Adults smoking or vaping in or around school grounds will be reminded that the school is smokefree and vape-free by law and asked to stop or leave the premises.
- If a student breaches this policy (either by smoking/vaping or supplying tobacco/vapes to other students), the principal (or their delegate) determines the appropriate actions to be followed. We may offer appropriate counselling and education, and contact parents/caregivers. The following policies may also be relevant:
 - Behaviour Management
 - Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property
 - Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion.
- Complaints involving smoking or vaping in the workplace are referred to the Principal, who may pass these to the Board for investigation.
- Smoking cessation support will be offered to staff who are wanting to give up smoking / vaping.
- Information linked to stopping smoking / vaping will be displayed in staff areas.
- Smoke free education will be included in the Health Delivery programme.

Legislation

- Smokefree Environment and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Act 2022
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Education and Training Act 2020 correct act

Resources

- Smokefree: **Smokefree at school**
- Vaping Facts: **Vapefree Schools**
- Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora:
 - **Tobacco control**
 - **Complaints under the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990**
- HealthEd NZ: **Information and support resources**



Signed:

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