



## VAPING AND E-CIGARETTE POLICY

The College takes a very firm stance when it comes to the use of e-cigarettes. This is due to the harmful health effects that vaping has on young people and those around them.

A range of consequences will be applied to students in the following circumstances:

- vaping
- possession of vaping paraphernalia
- purchasing e-cigarettes from other students
- selling or supplying e-cigarettes to other students
- being in the company of students who are vaping (bystander)

This policy applies to the College grounds, sanctioned events or while a student is in College uniform. As of March 1, 2024, it is considered an offence for a person to smoke or use e-cigarettes on school grounds or within 10 meters from the boundary of these premises.

The following is a guide as to how these matters may be addressed.

### Middle School

#### *First Incident*

Student caught vaping or in possession of vaping paraphernalia on premises, at a sanctioned event or in College uniform:

- parent will be informed of the incident and asked to attend a meeting with the Head of Middle School and in some cases the Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Student Experience
- student will receive a three-day external suspension
- student will be required to speak with a counsellor on their return
- student will be provided with support and guidance if they are addicted to nicotine

Student caught selling or supplying vaping paraphernalia (VP):

- parent will be informed of the incident and asked to attend a meeting with the Head of Middle School and in some cases the Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Student Experience
- police will be notified and supplied with VP
- student enrolment will likely be withdrawn

#### *Second Incident*

Student caught vaping or in possession of vaping paraphernalia on premises, at a sanctioned event or in College uniform:

- parent will be informed of the incident and asked to attend a meeting with the Head of Middle School and either the Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Student Experience or Principal
- student will receive a five-day external suspension
- student will be required to speak with a counsellor on their return
- student will be provided with support and guidance if they are addicted to nicotine
- student will receive a final warning

#### *Third Incident*

Student caught vaping or in possession of vaping paraphernalia on premises, at a sanctioned event or in College uniform:

- parent will be informed of the incident and asked to attend a meeting with the Head of Middle School and either the Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Student Experience or Principal
- student enrolment withdrawn



### ***Volitional Student Bystander***

Any uncoerced student/s who are present during the above-mentioned acts will also receive appropriate consequences. These will be determined by the Head of School or Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Student Experience who will consider all circumstances relating to the incident and past behaviour record of the student.

### **Senior School**

If a student in Senior School is involved in a vaping incident and already possesses a vaping record from their time in Middle School, generally, any subsequent incident will be considered a second offence within the Senior School.

#### ***First Incident***

Student caught vaping or in possession of vaping paraphernalia on premises, at a sanctioned event or in College uniform:

- parent will be informed of the incident and asked to attend a meeting with the Head of Senior School and in some cases the Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Student Experience
- student will receive a five-day external suspension
- student will be required to speak with a counsellor on their return
- student will be provided with support and guidance if they are addicted to nicotine
- student will receive a final warning

Student caught selling or supplying vaping paraphernalia (VP):

- parent will be informed of the incident and asked to attend a meeting with the Head of Senior School and in some cases the Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Student Experience
- police will be notified and supplied with VP
- student enrolment will likely be withdrawn

#### ***Second Incident***

- parent will be informed of the incident and asked to attend a meeting with the Head of Senior School and in some cases the Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Student Experience or Principal
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