

Anti- smoking policy.

Relationship to School Mission/Aims.

In keeping with our vision of a safe, healthy school, we aim to make St. Peter's College a smoke free campus. We aim to ensure that students, visitors and staff do not smoke in the school grounds and buildings. The policy aims to promote the health of all members of the school community and is in accordance with current legislation.

Rationale:

- Smoking in schools is banned under current legislation
- Education about the negative impacts on health of smoking is part of our SPHE programme.
- We are encouraging students to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- Smoking is incompatible with our status as a Green School.

Policy Content:

No member of the school community may smoke in the school buildings or grounds.

The school grounds comprise the school and community centre buildings and associated grounds.

Students who are smoking, or are in an area of the school grounds in the company of those who are smoking, or are smoking in school uniform, will be considered to have violated the policy.

The policy also applies when students are engaged in extra-curricular activities, on school tours or other school-related activities.

This policy applies to night classes.

Sanctions for students:

- All smoking materials will be confiscated.
- Principal's detention will be held on a given day and students will be notified in advance of that date.
- A note will be entered in the diary and a letter, accompanied by a copy of this policy, will be sent to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). A return slip will be signed by a parent/guardian and brought back to the principal/deputy principal.
- Detention will last for 45 minutes and will be held outside school hours.

- During detention, students will be given material to read and assignments to do, linked to the issue of smoking- related health risks and techniques for quitting smoking. Alternatively, students will be given a research project to complete during a session in a computer room.
- Students will be provided with contact details/web addresses etc. for organisations that help smokers to quit.
- Repeated violation of the code may lead to further detentions and suspension.

Roles and responsibilities:

- All members of the school community will abide by the policy.
- Parents are expected to support the policy.
- Staff and management will enforce the policy.

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