

Isis District SHS Isis District SHS Smoking Policy E E Exposed

Reference to Smoking in our policy includes vaping.

Definitions and Law

Smoking products include tobacco products, herbal cigarettes, loose smoking blend, personal vaporisers (such as electronic or e-cigarettes, e-cigars, vape pens) and personal vaporiser related products (e-liquids and e-cigarette parts), smoking related products or packages or cartons of these items.

The Law in Queensland states smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, is banned in a number of outdoor public areas, eating and drinking venues and education, healthcare and residential aged care facilities across Queensland. Specifically for Educational Facilities, there is to be no smoking:

- at public or private schools or within 5 metres beyond their boundaries
- at early childhood education and care facilities or within 5 metres beyond their boundaries, including kindergartens, childcare centres, day care providers and after school hours care.

At a school level, the implication is that all school buildings and the entire school grounds and surrounds must be smoke-free. This is indicated in the School Rules of the Behaviour Management Plan where smoking at school is not permitted and any smoking related products are banned substances.

SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN ANY AREA OF SCHOOL PROPERTY NOR AT SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES OR FUNCTIONS.

Notes:

- Where a smoking incident occurs within a group situation but the identity of the actual smoker or smokers cannot be conclusively ascertained, all students present in the group may be subject to these procedures.
- The following procedures not only apply to students attending school or a school activity, but may also apply to students out of school hours who are identified as a student by the wearing of their school uniform.

Isis District State High School has the following procedures for instances of student smoking.

Student Smoking Incident Procedures

Isis District State High School will treat each instance of a student smoking on the circumstances involved. Examples of actions that may be taken include:

- Meet with relevant Year Coordinator or Administration member for non-compliance with school rules.
- Meet with School-Based Youth Health Nurse to discuss the consequences of smoking on personal health.
- Inform parents/carers of school concern.
- Apply suspension for non-compliance with school rules.

Generally, the more deliberate, overt and explicit the incident of smoking is, the more severe will be the consequences. For example, students who have brought cigarettes, lighters and or vapes to school or are involved in smoking overtly in the school grounds should expect a suspension for such behaviour. Similarly, leaving the school grounds to smoke, while clearly identified as a student of this school, would usually result in suspension.