



## St Brigid's College Smoke Free College Policy

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### **RATIONALE**

Dignity, safety and wellbeing of people are central to the Church's teaching. Mercy Education Ltd acknowledges this and recognises that it is obligated under the *Tobacco Products Control Act 2006* and the [Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 \(the OSH Act\)](#) together with the *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996* (the Regulations) to ensure a safe and healthy environment for staff, students, contractors and other individuals.

It is well established that smoking can adversely affect the health of both smokers and non-smokers.

Students are also at risk from both active and passive smoking. A smoke free College policy may discourage student smokers and will provide a positive statement about the seriousness with which smoking is viewed.

### **PRINCIPLES**

St Brigid's College is unequivocally committed to recognising that every person has the right to a safe and healthy working environment and that each individual has a prime responsibility to co-operate in the preservation and improvement of all occupational health and safety measures of College activities.

Smoking poses a significant public health threat, with passive smokers being at significant risk from inhaling the smoke from others.

### **PROCEDURES**

St Brigid's College shall maintain a total smoke free environment at all times. No smoking shall be permitted within any St Brigid's College building, enclosed public areas, grounds (including the land up to the boundaries on which buildings are located), playgrounds, or in vehicles on college grounds or vehicles transporting students, either during or outside of College hours.

This prohibition applies to all persons on St Brigid's College grounds, including school camp and excursion venues, and applies to parents, students, staff, contractors and visitors.

The Principal shall ensure that during the appointment of staff the 'smoke free' nature of the College is pointed out to prospective employees.

The Principal shall ensure that the 'smoke free' nature of the College is pointed out to parents and students.

Buildings and grounds shall have no smoking signs prominently displayed.

#### **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984

Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996

Tobacco Products Control Act 2006

St Brigid's College Occupational Safety and Health Policy

CECWA Occupational Safety and Health Policy 2-C14

CECWA Smoke Free Schools Policy 2-C7