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Smoke Free Premises Policy

Rationale

A smoke free school provides an environment that protects and promotes the health and well-being of the entire school community. A secret ballot must be undertaken at the beginning of each year to survey staff as to whether they want a designated smoking area or not. This information is provided through to the Department of Education by way of online form.

In accordance with DET's current Smoke-Free Premises Policy: *Adherence to this policy enables the department to meet the requirements of the Act which commenced on 14 December 2005 and the Tobacco Control Regulations, in force from 2 January 2010. Designed to reduce the exposure of the public to the harmful effects of tobacco smoke, the Act effectively bans smoking in restaurants, shopping centres and areas of public access including educational facilities. It allows for exemptions to enable smoking in designated outdoor areas only.*

Policy Statement

In accordance with DET's current Smoke-Free Premises Policy: *Smoking is not permitted on any Department of Education and Training premises including school grounds, except in designated smoking areas.*

Designated Smoking Area: is an area identified for smoking if the secret ballot indicates the majority of staff agree to have such an area.
It must:

- *be a discrete outdoor area*
- *be outside of school buildings*
- *not be visible to students*
- *be located two metres from doorways and three metres from air conditioning inlets.*

All community groups that use the school must comply with this policy.

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Aims

The principal will need to ensure that:

- this policy is enforced in the school
- community groups that use the premises are aware of and comply with this policy
- a discrete smoking area is provided which complies with all the requirements of the legislation
- reasonable measures are in place to minimise the exposure to others to environmental tobacco smoke

All staff:

- are responsible for complying with this policy

Implementation

We will promote our commitment to providing a smoke free environment by:

- informing new staff and parents about our policy
- advising contractors and others working within our school premises of our Smoke free Policy
- ensuring that organisations/individuals using school facilities agree to comply with our policy
- taking opportunities to participate in appropriate educational initiatives to promote non-smoking, eg Healthy Harold

Resources

- Department of Education's Smoke Free Premises Policy https://education.nt.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/258111/smoke-free-premises-policy.pdf
- *Tobacco Control Act* and Tobacco Control Regulations

Evaluation

Our Smoke Free Premises Policy's effectiveness will be measured through implementation over a period of time.

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