



TASMANIAN
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POLICY (OPERATIONAL) SMOKING ON CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITES

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RATIONALE

The Tasmanian Catholic Education Office and Schools and Colleges of the Archdiocese of Hobart are committed to workplaces that offer:

... secure environments that ensure the safety and well-being of all.

Tasmanian Catholic Education Office Mission Statement (2006)

This commitment is extended to all students, staff, families, visitors and others in workplaces across the Catholic education sector.

The purpose of this policy therefore is to prevent all in Catholic sector workplaces from being exposed to the harmful effects of environmental tobacco smoke.

POLICY

All Catholic education sector buildings, motor vehicles and facilities in Tasmania are to be smoke-free environments 24 hours a day.

DEFINITIONS

- Catholic Sector Workplaces** These include:
- all buildings and facilities (including playgrounds, playing fields, other outdoor areas) on site/s at, or administered by, each Catholic School / College;
 - the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office buildings and grounds (Hobart);
 - the Regional TCEO Offices (Riverside/Ulverstone).
- Workplace Authorities** Those designated by either the Executive Director of Catholic Education or College Governing Councils. In Schools / Colleges this would normally be the Principal.
- Motor Vehicles** Motor vehicles owned by the employer and supplied to employees for the purposes of their employment.

PRINCIPLES

1. The safety and well-being of all who work in or visit Catholic education sector workplaces is of paramount concern.
2. Of particular concern is the safety and well-being of school students who are owed a duty of care by school authorities.
3. Employees are required to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of other persons in the workplace.
4. The smoke-free environment applies to all people working or volunteering in or visiting Catholic education sector workplaces.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Workplace authorities are required to inform those within their communities and (as appropriate) those visiting their site/s of the requirements of this policy.
2. Schools / Colleges are required to have clear and appropriate procedures in place for dealing with student smoking.
3. Occupational health and safety legislation imposes on employers the obligation to provide a healthy and safe work environment. It is therefore important that workplace authorities act to secure the spirit and intent of this legislation through the cooperation of all.

REFERENCES

The Nominated Officers – Enforcement Policy for Principals/Assistant Principals (2013)
Memorandum of Understanding – Guidelines for Managing Drug-Related Incidents in Tasmanian Schools (2012)
Work Health and Safety Act 2012
Public Health Amendment Act 2004 (Tasmania)
Managing Drug Issues & Drug Education in Tasmanian Catholic Schools (2002)

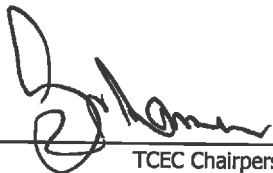
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APPENDICES

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