

# *Prohibited substances Policy*

## **Tobacco**

The Public Health Act prohibits any person under the age of 18 years from obtaining, smoking or using any tobacco product.

1. Our buildings are smoke-free in accordance with occupational health and safety legislation.
2. All people working within or visiting the school are reminded that all areas of the school grounds are designated smoke-free zones by the school principal, during normal school operating hours. Signs to this effect will be posted strategically around the school.
3. Staff members may request any person smoking on school premises to extinguish his/her cigarette or move off school property to smoke.
4. Reminders of the smoke-free nature of the property will be included in conditions governing the use of school facilities by any community group.
  - All staff members and visitors to the school who wish to smoke are required to move away from school premises and to smoke out of view of students. The same requirements apply to school-related activities that may be conducted on other premises.

## **Alcohol**

1. The law restricts the consumption of alcohol by people under the age of 18 years.
2. Students, regardless of age, are not permitted to be on school premises under the influence of alcohol or to possess alcohol at school or at any sanctioned school-related activities such as excursions, camps, discos or end of year dinners.
3. During the school day, school staff and visiting adults should not be under the influence of alcohol or consume alcohol on the premises.

Students must not possess or deal in prohibited substances while on school premises or while wearing any item of school uniform or while participating in any activity connected with the school or in circumstances where they are likely to be identified with the school. 'Prohibited substances' include but is not limited to tobacco in all its forms, alcohol, prescription drugs used in any manner contrary to the issuing doctor's instructions and any substance declared illegal by the State of Tasmania.