



Rationale

The School acknowledges its legal obligations to act in accordance with the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act of BC*.

The Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria (CISDV), accepting the responsibility inherent in education of providing positive role models and best practices, will promote a healthy learning and working environment.

Definitions

Tobacco means tobacco leaves or products produced from tobacco in any form or for any use

Vapour product means the following: an e-cigarette; an e-substance; a cartridge for or a component of an e-cigarette.

Policy

The CISDV recognizes that the use of tobacco and vapour products is a detrimental lifestyle choice for students, employees, and visitors.

Regulation

Prohibition of Tobacco and Vapour Products

1. No person is permitted to smoke, use, or hold any tobacco or vapour products at any time, including non-school hours and days, in or on any school building or land, owned, leased or rented by the Diocese of Victoria. This prohibition applies to any vehicles on school property.
2. No school student is permitted to smoke, use or hold any tobacco or vapour products at any school sponsored or school related events, even though the events are held off school property.
3. All persons who are not school students will be requested not to smoke, use or hold any tobacco or vapour products in the presence of school students at



school sponsored or school related events which are held off school property.

Enforcement

4. Students engaging in the prohibited behaviour will be subject to the conditions of the student discipline policy.
5. School employees engaging in the prohibited behaviour will be subject to the conditions of the employment agreement regarding employee code of conduct violations.
6. All other persons will be asked to cease their use of a tobacco or vapour products or to leave the school property or school event.

Education

7. The Principal is responsible for developing a program at appropriate grade levels in the educational program about the harmful effects of tobacco and vapour products.
8. The Principal will communicate that it is a tobacco and vapour product free institution through its usual communication modes to students, parents, employees, and visitors.
9. The Principal will post signs at appropriate places in its facilities and on its grounds providing notification that the school is a tobacco and vapour product free institution.

Reference: <i>Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act.</i>	Approved
Policies 320: Use of Tobacco and Vapour Products 507: Smoking/Drugs/Alcohol/Cannabis	Date Approved: September 2007
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