

Ulverstone High School **TOBACCO POLICY**

RATIONALE:

Health and Wellbeing of students is a key aspect of Ulverstone High and its Supportive School Environment. The Education Department has a no smoking policy for all Government Buildings and Grounds in recognition of the detrimental effects of smoking on everybody's health. The Law states that a person under 18 years must not smoke or use any tobacco product (Public Health Act 1997).

PURPOSE:

1. To try to influence student choices around a healthy lifestyle.
2. To ensure that Ulverstone High School complies with the Law under the Public Health Act 1997.
3. To ensure that Ulverstone High School complies with the Department of Education (Smoke free Workplace Policy),

DEFINITIONS:

What is a smoking incident that will be acted upon by the school?

- Smoking at any time while the student is in the care of the school, (ie smoking on the school campus, on the journey to or from the school, or while participating in a school activity away from school).
- Being with a student who is caught smoking (the tacit approval of peers is a major influence which encourages adolescents to continue inappropriate behaviour).
- Being in possession of cigarettes/tobacco, a lighter or matches in the situation listed above.
- Supply or selling of cigarettes/tobacco to others under the age of eighteen (18).

GUIDELINES:

FIRST BREACH

Student's name recorded in the central register. Parents provided with a copy of the Smoking Policy and will be contacted by an appropriate staff member who enters the students name in the central register.

SECOND BREACH

There will be a three way parent/teacher/student conference around proactive strategies to support the student with a member of Senior Staff, and to outline the consequences of further breaches of this policy.

THIRD BREACH

Internal suspension with a proportion of the day spent engaging with Health related materials.

FOURTH AND SUBSEQUENT BREACHES

This will involve a 2 day suspension from the school community.

IMPORTANT NOTE

There will be a 2 year period without a breach of the policy before the student re-sets to the first breach of the policy.

Students involved in supplying or selling of tobacco products will have sanctions imposed at the Principal's discretion.

The principal has the option to involve the police if appropriate.

It would be an expectation that when parents visit the school or attend a school event that they will be a role model to students and refrain from smoking.