

2. SMOKING/VAPING POLICY

Purpose

In keeping with New Zealand legislation all James Hargest College property **SHALL BE SMOKE-FREE AREAS**. This includes both tobacco smoking and vaping/e-cigarettes.

Guidelines

- Notices placed on school buildings will indicate the school is a smoke-free environment.
- Reasonable care will be taken to inform visitors and trades people working in the school of the smoke-free policy.
- Any complaints should be directed to Senior Management.
- Smoking/vaping by students in the school, while wearing school uniform or in association with the school or its activities is not allowed.
- Students caught smoking/vaping, in possession of smoking/vaping materials, or associating with those smoking/vaping, will incur punishments. These will be determined by senior management and may include detentions or Stand Downs/Suspensions if warranted. Repeat offences are likely to be dealt with severely. Smoking/vaping offences from previous years at Hargest will always be taken into consideration when determining punishment.
- Assistance and support (to stop smoking/vaping) via the School Counselling staff will be available, and students encouraged to take this up.

Ratifies by the JHC Board of Trustees
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