

COLLINSVILLE STATE HIGH SCHOOL



VAPING POLICY

Rationale

The department of Education has a total ban on smoking on all departmental premises to comply with tobacco laws. This includes all electronic cigarettes and vaping products. The ban affects all schools and school grounds.

The ban applies to all persons entering departmental premises including all employees of the Queensland Government, school students, family members, visitors, contractors and employees of any other organisation.

Collinsville State High School strictly enforces the Department of Education's ban on all smoking products, including electronic cigarettes and vaping products. The school also acknowledges the importance of preventative measures and providing health, safety and wellbeing education, including the risks associated with vaping products such as e-cigarettes, e-cigars and vape pens.

Policy Details

The possession, use, supply and sale of all electronic cigarettes and vaping products is prohibited at Collinsville State High School.

Student Responsibilities:

Students must not be in possession of, use, supply or sell any electronic cigarettes or vaping products when at Collinsville State High School, when walking to and from school and when in school uniform.

Parent and Caregiver Responsibilities:

Collinsville State High School encourages parents and caregivers to discuss the health dangers associated with electronic cigarettes and vaping products with their children.

School Responsibilities:

The school will embed differentiated health, safety and wellbeing education into the curriculum, including a focus on the risks associated with vaping products such as e-cigarettes, e-cigars and vape pens with in the HPE curriculum and Living our Lives Wellbeing program.

The school will respond to student possession of, use, supply or selling of any electronic cigarettes or vaping products in a consistent, firm and fair manner in line with the below consequences.



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Typical consequences

Consideration will always be given to the individual circumstances of each student; however, the below consequences may typically apply.

Possession or use of electronic cigarettes or vaping products	1 st Occasion 10 day suspension 2 nd Occasion 20 day suspension pending exclusion
Supply or sale of electronic cigarettes or vaping products	1 st Occasion 20 day suspension 2 nd Occasion 20 day pending exclusion

All students who receive a suspension for possessing, using, supplying or selling vapes will be required to engage in an educational session about the dangers of vaping with the school nurse upon their return to school. An information pack for parents will also be provided with the suspension letters.

Supporting legislation and further information needs hyper link

- Queensland Health—tobacco laws in Queensland at education facilities
- Queensland Health—smoke free resources including factsheets and FAQ's
- <u>Queensland Government—e-cigarette laws</u>
- https://lungfoundation.com.au/resources/vaping-and-young-people-parents-and-carers/

Consultation

Consultation made	Mode of consultation	Date of consultation
Staff	Presentation at Staff Meeting	
Parent and Citizens Association	Tabled at Parent and Citizens Meeting	