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EVELYN SCOTT SCHOOL ANTI-SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to create a healthy, safe, and smoke-free environment for all leaders. Smoking poses significant health risks and contradicts the school's commitment to promoting wellness and academic success. This policy aims to prevent smoking-related health issues, reduce exposure to secondhand smoke, and foster a culture of respect and responsibility within the school community.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Evelyn Scott School is committed to maintaining a smoke-free environment on all school property, including buildings, grounds, parking areas, and school-sponsored events. This policy applies to all leaders.

SCOPE:

In accordance with the ACT Government's Smoke-Free Public Places Act 2003, smoking and vaping are prohibited in all enclosed public places, including educational institutions. Therefore, this policy strictly prohibits the use, possession, sale, or distribution of any tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes, vapes), or other smoking-related paraphernalia within school premises and during any school-related activities, whether on or off-campus. <https://www.act.gov.au/health/topics/drugs-alcohol-smoking-and-vaping/smoking-and-vaping/where-you-cant-smoke-or-vape>

ENFORCEMENT:

Any learner found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions, including but not limited to warnings, parent notification, mandatory educational programs on the dangers of smoking, and possible suspension for repeated offenses.

SUPPORT FOR SMOKING CESSATION:

The school will provide resources and support for leaders who wish to quit smoking, including access to counseling, educational materials, and referrals to local cessation programs.

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE:

The leadership team will regularly review this policy to ensure its effectiveness and make necessary updates in line with public health guidelines and legal requirements.