



SMOKEFREE AND VAPEFREE

INTRODUCTION

Lynfield College is smokefree and vapefree, as required by the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (s.7A). We comply with the Act and have a smokefree and vapefree policy as part of our commitment to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for students, staff, and the school community (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Education and Training Act 2020). We aim to promote a smokefree and vapefree lifestyle to all members of the school community to help protect everyone from second-hand smoke and discourage students from taking up smoking and/or vaping.

SMOKEFREE AND VAPEFREE REQUIREMENTS

Our school buildings and grounds (including school car parks and pick-up and drop-off areas) are smokefree and vapefree, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (with no exceptions). This applies to anyone on the school grounds, including students, staff, parents/caregivers, contractors, and people hiring or using the school facilities outside school hours. All school activities off school premises (e.g. EOTC) are also smokefree and vapefree (including transport between venues). This policy applies to all smoking and vaping products, including e-cigarettes.

We take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure people know that the entire grounds are smokefree and vapefree at all times. To ensure our school is smokefree and vapefree, we:

- Display the required signage (i.e smokefree and no vaping signs) at every entrance to the school grounds and the outer entrance of every building
- Regularly communicate our policy to the school community (including staff, students, volunteers, and parents/caregivers)
- Advise visitors, contractors, anyone working at our school, and anyone hiring or using the school facilities that our buildings and grounds are smokefree and vapefree
- Educate students through the curriculum about the harmful effects of smoking, vaping, and exposure to second-hand smoke.

BREACHES

Adults smoking or vaping in or around school grounds are reminded that the school is smokefree and vapefree by law and asked to stop or leave the premises.

If a student breaches this policy (either by smoking/vaping or supplying tobacco/vapes to other students), the Principal (or their delegate) determines the appropriate actions to be followed. We may offer appropriate counselling and education, and contact parents/caregivers. The following policies may also be relevant:

Behaviour Management

Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property

Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints about breaches of this policy involving students and members of the school community may be made through the ***Raising Concerns*** process.

Complaints involving smoking or vaping in the workplace are referred to the Principal, who may pass these to the board for investigation. Investigations follow legislative guidelines (Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, s.15). We refer complaints to a smokefree enforcement officer as appropriate.

RELATED TOPICS

- EOTC Parent Help
- Supporting Student Wellbeing
- Responding to Student Wellbeing Concerns
- Behaviour Management
- Third-Party Use of School Property

LEGISLATION

Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990

Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

Education and Training Act 2020

RESOURCES

Smokefree: [*Smokefree at school*](#)

Vaping Facts: [*Vapefree Schools*](#)

Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora: [*Smokefree 2025*](#)

HealthEd NZ: [*Information and support resources*](#)