

## **SMOKING POLICY**

### **PURPOSE:**

We recognise that smoking in school settings presents students and others with a mixed message regarding tobacco consumption and acknowledge evidence that indicates that smoking within a school can contribute to the uptake of smoking by young people both now and in the future. We also recognise that the health and well-being of staff and other users of the school may be negatively affected by smoking, and respect the right of employees to a smoke free environment.

- To comply with the Smoke free Environments Act 1990
- To provide a totally smoke free environment at Otumoetai Intermediate School

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Smoking shall not be permitted anywhere within the buildings or grounds of Otumoetai Intermediate School at any time. Smoking at any official school activity such as field-trips, sports events etc outside of the school grounds is subject to RAMS approval.
- Organisations or individuals using school facilities must agree in writing to comply with this policy as a condition of use.
- Contractors and others working within the school property are to be advised of the school's smoke-free policy and that the policy applies to them whilst on the property.
- Signs shall be displayed at the entrance to the school and in the office foyer and any other place or places that the Board of Trustees may consider appropriate.
- A copy of this policy shall be provided to all applicants for positions at this school upon receipt of their application.
- Parents of new enrolments are to be advised of the school's smoke-free policy when enrolling their children.
- As smoking is prohibited within the hall, organisations hiring the hall shall ensure any persons smoking do so out of the school site.
- This policy shall be displayed in the staff room and the public area of the office foyer.
- Complaints with regard to this policy should be made in writing to the Principal.

**Reference:** *NZSTA Trustees Handbook*