

SMOKING/VAPING POLICY

PURPOSE

We recognise that smoking/vaping in school settings presents students and others with a mixed message regarding tobacco consumption and acknowledge evidence that indicates that smoking/vaping within a school can contribute to the uptake of smoking/vaping 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/vaping, and respect the right of employees to a smoke/vape free environment.

OBJECTIVES:

- To comply with the Smoke free Environments Act 1990.
- To provide a totally smoke/vape free environment at Otumoetai Intermediate School
 - Smoking/vaping shall not be permitted anywhere within the buildings or grounds of Otumoetai Intermediate School at any time. Smoking/vaping 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/vape-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/vape-free policy when enrolling their children.
 - As smoking/vaping is prohibited within the hall, organisations hiring the hall shall ensure any persons smoking/vaping 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