

# Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus Smoking Policy

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has a **Drugs in Schools Policy Reference No.** PD/2002/0040/V04

**This policy sets out requirements for schools to plan and implement appropriate responses to drug related incidents, with an emphasis on prevention through drug education and safe and supportive school environments, and intervention and support for students who may be involved.**

In reference to **Tobacco** the policy states:

**1.5** Smoking (including e-cigarettes) on school premises, including school buildings, gardens, sports fields and car parks, is prohibited. This includes students, employees, visitors and other people who use school premises, including community groups.

**1.5.2** Principals must manage incidents involving tobacco consistent with the school's student welfare and discipline policies and Suspension and Expulsion of School Students - Procedures (PD/2006/0316).

GRC Oatley follows DEC guidelines **Drugs in Schools: Procedures for managing drug related incidents** to manage incidents involving tobacco in the following ways:

## **1. Clear rules and consequences for use or possession of tobacco (and other drugs) at school**

The Discipline Code and School Rules at GRC Oatley reflect Government and departmental policy on Drugs. Students, parents and school staff are aware of the rules about drugs and the consequences of possession or use of tobacco (and other drugs) at school. The GRC Oatley Discipline Code and School Rules are clearly set out in the Student Information Handbook and are on the school website at [www.oatleysnr-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oatleysnr-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## **2. Safe and supportive school environment**

The curriculum and student welfare strategies at GRC Oatley help to strengthen protective factors and minimise risk factors known to be associated with tobacco (and other drug) misuse by young people.

### **3. Effective drug education**

Children and young people need to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe in society.

Drug education activities at GRC Oatley are part of a comprehensive whole school approach to promoting health and wellbeing for all students.

Strategies include:

- Year 11 Tutorial program
- Year 12 mentoring program
- Welfare initiatives
- Student Advisers House meetings
- Counselling services
- Parent meetings
- Rewards for quitting

### **4. Positive links with key community agencies**

At GRC Oatley this is managed by the Head Teachers Wellbeing, Youth Worker and the School Counsellors by liaising with key community agencies to strengthen the school's capacity to respond to tobacco (and other drug) related issues

The school will respond to students smoking on the premises and to and from school by:

1. Investigating the claim, then consistent with the NSW DEC Drugs in Schools: Procedures for managing drug related incidents
2. Implement consequences
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time – student issued a suspension warning, counsel by Deputy Principal,
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> time – suspension, parent interview,
  - Ongoing disobedience may lead to expulsion