

Raglan Area School Procedure: Vaping Expectations 2024

Rationale:

Students are not permitted to vape, smoke, drink alcohol or use marijuana at school. All of these activities are illegal for students under the age of 18. Recent international research along with feedback from staff and students in our own school clearly indicates that vaping by students at school is a major distraction for our students. It's against the law in New Zealand for people under the age of 18 to buy cigarettes and vaping products. This procedure is designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction.

Guidelines

1. Vaping is not permitted at Raglan Area School.
2. If a student is seen with a vaping device on their person or in their belongings it will be confiscated and not returned to the student.
3. If a student does make the decision to bring a vaping device to school they do so at their own risk. Raglan Area School is not responsible for any loss of any vaping device.
4. Consequences for bringing a vaping device to school will be enacted with students who breach this procedure.
 - The Teacher asks for the vaping device and this is given to office staff. This is recorded by office staff. The vaping device will not be returned to the student.
 - The Teacher has a conversation with the student and enters notes into SMS Edge Pastoral.
 - If the student is non-compliant in handing the vaping device to the teacher, the teacher will follow school expectations and involve the Pastoral Lead and/or a Deputy Principal as appropriate.
 - The Pastoral Lead and/or a Deputy Principal will speak 1-1 with the student and will also make contact with the whānau.
 - Having access to vaping devices is against the law in New Zealand and a one-day Stand Down is the consequence that is likely to be enacted by the Principal (or her representative) following an appropriate investigation into the matter.
5. On his/her return to the school, the student will be expected to attend a minimum of one visit with the school's onsite Alcohol and Drugs counsellor. The purpose of this session is for the student to be given an opportunity to debrief the incident and/or to seek further assistance about stopping vaping.

Signed:



Dated: 1 February 2024