

Policy M306

Non-Smoking Policy

Preamble

As smoking is a health hazard, it is important that all adult members of our community show good example by not smoking around the school.

Rationale

Research has shown that smoking is a major cause of heart and lung disease, and many deaths are brought about because of smoking related illnesses.

The health of the smoker is not only at risk, but also the health of others because of the effects of "passive smoking".

Values

The values of responsibility, community, growth, justice and equity underpin this policy.

Policy

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is a smoke free zone at all times.

Implementation Issues

- No smoking will be permitted within the confines of the school grounds.
- No smoking will be permitted within any of the school buildings at any time.
- Teachers, parents and other adults are encouraged to recognise their position as role models in all situations where students can readily observe them.
- Signs indicating that this school is a smoke free zone will be erected and maintained in good order in all rooms.
- Where staff experience personal difficulties in implementing the policy their attention should be drawn to such programs as QUIT and ACCESS which may assist with counselling in this area.
- Induction programs for staff and enrolling families will make reference to this policy.
- This policy will be communicated to all relevant groups within the school community.
- The school will ensure that the Health & PE Program of the school includes education about the problems associated with smoking.

Reflection Material

Diocesan Non-Smoking Policy in Schools