



SJC Vape Detection Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline how vape detectors will be used in the College to help ensure a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff. It is unlawful for a student to possess or any individual to use a vape/e cigarette on school grounds. This policy outlines the installation and use of vape detectors in bathrooms to deter and detect vaping activities.

Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors of St John's College Nambour.

Policy Statement

St John's College is committed to promoting the health and well-being of its community. Vaping poses significant health risks, particularly to young people. To safeguard our students and uphold our duty of care, vape detectors are installed in all student bathrooms.

Implementation

1. Installation of Vape Detectors

- Vape detectors are installed in student bathrooms at the College.
- The detectors are strategically placed to ensure maximum coverage and effectiveness.
- The installation process was conducted by a certified professional to ensure compliance with safety standards.

2. Detection and Response

- Vape detectors will monitor for the presence of vape aerosols and alert designated staff members in real-time. Designated staff will receive an email to alert them when a detector has been activated.
- Upon detection, staff will promptly investigate the alert and take appropriate action in accordance with College and Brisbane Catholic Education behaviour support process.
- Students involved in vaping incidents will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the school's behaviour management policy.

3. Privacy and Confidentiality

- The vape detectors will not record audio or video. They will only detect the presence of vape aerosols.



- All investigations and disciplinary actions will be conducted with respect for student privacy and confidentiality and are guided by College and Brisbane Catholic Education behaviour support process.

4. Education and Prevention

- The College will provide ongoing education about the health risks associated with vaping.
- Where appropriate, the College will collaborate with health professionals and organisations to support students in making healthy choices.

5. Review and Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed annually to assess its effectiveness and make necessary adjustments.
- Feedback from students, staff, and parents will be considered in the review process.

Responsibilities

Principal and School Leadership Team:

- Oversee the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

Staff (Pastoral Middle Leaders)

- Monitor student behaviour and respond to vape detector alerts.
- Staff may request a bag search or locker search. Parents will be informed in these instances.

Students

- Adhere to the school's rules and regulations regarding vaping.
- Not to engage in unlawful behaviour either on school ground or beyond.

Parents/Guardians

- Support the school's efforts to maintain a vape-free environment.
- Assist school to prevent and prohibit unlawful activity on school grounds.