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| <b>NAME: 04.21 TOBACCO AND VAPING FREE SCHOOL POLICY</b> | <b>VERSION: 1</b>        |
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## **PREAMBLE**

Richmond Christian School recognizes that the use of tobacco and vapour products is a detrimental lifestyle choice.

The School acknowledges its legal obligations to act in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, as amended from time to time.

Finally, Richmond Christian School, accepting the responsibility inherent in education of providing positive role models and best practices will continue to promote a healthy learning and working environment.

This policy applies to students, staff, parents and guests of the school

## **TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCT USE PROHIBITION**

1. No person is permitted to smoke, use, or display any tobacco product at any time, including non-school hours and days in or on any building or land, owned, leased or rented by the school. This prohibition applies to any vehicles on school property.
2. No person is permitted to use any vaping product at any time, including non-school hours and days, in or on any building or land, owned, leased or rented by the school. This prohibition applies to any vehicles on school property.
3. No school student is permitted to smoke, use, or display any tobacco and vaping product at any school sponsored or school related events, even though the events are held off school property.
4. No school student is permitted to smoke, use, or display any tobacco and vaping product in the presence of school students at school-sponsored or school related events which are held off school property.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

5. Students engaging in the prohibited behaviour will be subject to the stipulations of the student discipline policy.
6. School employees engaging in the prohibited behaviour will be subject to the stipulations of the employment agreement regarding employee code of conduct violations

7. All other persons will be asked to cease their use of tobacco product, or vaping, or to leave the school property or school event.

## **EDUCATION**

8. Richmond Christian School will include education about the harmful effects of the use of tobacco and vaping products at appropriate grade levels in its educational program.
9. Richmond Christian School will communicate that it is a tobacco free and vaping free institution through its usual communication modes to students, parents, employees, and visitors.
10. Richmond Christian School will post signs at appropriate places in its facilities and on its grounds providing notification that the school is a tobacco and vaping free institution.