



Policies and Procedures
Section Seven – Miscellaneous

706 – TOBACCO FREE SCHOOL

RATIONALE

- Kelowna Christian School recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a detrimental lifestyle choice for students, employees, and visitors.
- The school acknowledges its legal obligations to act in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Tobacco Control Act (Tobacco Sales Act as amended by Bill 10 in 2007).
- Finally, the school, accepting the responsibility inherent in education of providing positive role models and best practices, will promote a healthy learning and working environment.

TOBACCO USE PROHIBITION

- No person is permitted to smoke, use, or hold 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.
- No school student is permitted to smoke, use or hold any tobacco product at any school sponsored or school related events, even though the events are held off school property.
- All persons who are not school students will be requested not to smoke, use or hold any tobacco products in the presence of school students at school sponsored or school related events which are held off school property.
- This policy will also apply to the use of products such as e-cigarettes and vaporizers as per applicable government regulations.

ENFORCEMENT

- Students engaging in the prohibited behaviour will be subject to the stipulations of the student discipline policy.
- School employees engaging in the prohibited behaviour will be subject to the stipulations of the employment agreement regarding employee code of conduct violations.
- All other persons will be asked to cease their use of a tobacco product or to leave the school property or school event.

EDUCATION

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