

Wirreanda Secondary School Aerosol Policy

Purpose

To ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all students, staff and visitors by prohibiting the possession and use of aerosols on school grounds.

Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, visitors and contractors at Wirreanda Secondary School.

Policy Statement

Wirreanda Secondary School prohibits the possession and use of aerosols on school premises. This includes, but is not limited to, spray paints, deodorants, hairsprays and similar pressurised products. This measure is in place to prevent potential health and safety risks associated with the misuse of volatile substances and to support a safe and orderly learning environment.

Rationale

Aerosol products can present significant health and safety risks when misused. These risks may include respiratory irritation, adverse physical effects and the potential misuse of volatile substances. The Department for Education recognises such substances as potentially dangerous and emphasises the importance of treating them as such in a school setting. By restricting aerosol products on school grounds, the school aims to reduce the risk of harm and promote a safe environment for all members of the school community.

Implementation

To support the effective implementation of this policy:

- The policy will be communicated to students, staff and families at the beginning of each school year and reinforced through regular reminders
- Clear signage will be displayed throughout the school to advise that aerosol products are not permitted on site
- Staff members are responsible for supporting and monitoring compliance with this policy
- Any student found in possession of, or using, an aerosol product on school grounds may have the item confiscated and may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the school's behaviour management procedures
- Students will be educated about the risks associated with aerosol misuse and provided with appropriate support and resources where required

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with departmental policies. This policy is aligned to the Department for Education's Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs incident management procedure.