



THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Within the University of Sydney

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Introduction

This Smoke-Free Environment Policy is based closely on the University of Sydney's Smoke-Free Environment Policy 2019 and outlines the College's expectations of students, staff, contractors, guests and visitors with regard to their personal habits and health. This policy also includes smoking of non-tobacco products and vaping.

The College:

- recognises the adverse effects of smoking, including vaping and passive smoking
- supports the principle of the University being a smoke-free environment
- prohibits smoking within the College and its grounds
- prohibits smoking in all College owned vehicles, and
- prohibits the sale of tobacco on College property.

College areas where smoking is prohibited:

Smoking by all students, staff, guests and visitors is prohibited in all College areas, including:

- student or guest rooms
- balconies and verandas, including the front steps of the College
- under the balcony in front of the Main Building garage
- common areas/stairways
- the private roadway between Langley and Wesley College
- courtyards, gardens and grounds
- the Maples carpark.

Smoking must take place beyond the College grounds on public property e.g. on Carillon Avenue. Note that Western Avenue in front of the College is considered part of the University grounds and, as such, is a smoke-free zone. Smoking on College grounds will incur a fine of \$250.

Disposal of waste

The by-products of smoking must be disposed of appropriately. Cigarette butts must be fully extinguished and placed into appropriate receptacles and not left on public footpaths or roadways.

High-risk and prohibited items

The use of candles or incense, toasters and other cooking equipment, and any devices with a large lithium-ion devices (such as e-bikes, e-scooters, and similar) is prohibited on College premises and in rooms owing to the fire risk.. Any of these items found on the premises or in rooms will be confiscated by housekeeping.

Please be aware that appliances, such as hair-straighteners, hair dryers and clothes steamers, can trigger the fire alarms and they should be used with caution.

Breaches

Offenders will be fined \$250 for smoking and/or \$500 for tampering with fire alarms or detectors. Fire alarms are directly linked to the NSW Emergency Services. If Emergency Services are called out owing to a breach of this policy, the offender will also be liable for the call out fee.

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