Rationale

The University has adopted a Smoke-free and Vape-free Policy which is based on the following general assumptions:

All staff, students, contractors, and those visiting the campus are entitled to a smoke-free and vape-free environment while on our campus.

Leading by example is an important role for an educational institution.

The University wishes to promote and support healthy lifestyles.

That successful implementation and on-going compliance of the policy will require everyone to respond in a courteous and responsible manner.

Smoke-free and Vape-free Campus

The University of Canterbury, including all buildings and grounds are deemed as completely smoke-free/vape-free.

Smoking/vaping is not permitted inside any University building including the foyers and entrance ways.

Smoking/vaping is not permitted on the steps or approaches of buildings, near windows or near air conditioning units/air intakes.

Smoking/vaping is not permitted anywhere in the University grounds(other than exceptions approved from time to time).

This policy extends to all University facilities, including accommodation, regional campuses, field stations and other University premises.

Leases will be progressively reviewed with the intention of aligning with the Smoke-free Policy.

The Christchurch College of English Language currently has a lease which provides for a designated smoking area.

Smoking is not permitted in any vehicle owned or leased by the University.

Exemptions

Designated area at the rear of Ilam Homestead.

Social Change

The University recognises that attitudinal and behavioural change takes precedence over enforcement actions. We recognise that social change theory encompasses terms such as encouragement, peer-pressure and leadership and the following measures will be undertaken:

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