

## **SMOKING IN SCHOOL (STUDENTS)**

1. Students are actively encouraged not to smoke. This forms part of various curricular programmes of study but also is part of the hidden curriculum.

The effects on health are discussed as early as Year 7 in the tutorial programme and also in Science courses. Other social aspects of smoking, e.g. peer pressure and the skills needed to effectively manage this pressure form part of the teaching in the Religious and Social Education programme.

2. Students are made aware of the insistence of school that they should not smoke on or near the school premises or on the school buses. Any student found smoking is punished (detention) by the appropriate Achievement Support Assistant and a letter is sent home explaining to parents and students that if they fail to comply with school rules and disobey them by smoking again, working in total isolation for one day will automatically follow.
3. Any confiscated cigarettes, matches, lighters etc. will be returned only to the parents of the students (and not to the students themselves).