

Purpose

The purpose of this information sheet is to assist staff, and those who share our campuses to understand and implement the requirements for a Smoke-free University. [Smoke-free University Handbook chapter](#)

Q1 Why is the University smoke-free?

We have a legal responsibility to provide a safe workplace to protect staff, students and visitors from the serious health risks associated with exposure to second hand smoke (passive).

The University also encourages healthier lifestyles for staff, students and the wider community who share and visit our campuses.

A smoke-Free University was introduced after feedback from members of the University community and consultation with a range of key stakeholders.

Q2 When did the University become smoke-free?

The University has been smoke-free at North Terrace Campus July 2010 with progressive implementation across all campuses by 1 July 2011.

Q3 Where does the smoke-free initiative apply?

The smoke-free initiative applies to:

- x all campuses, properties, buildings, vehicles or other areas controlled or leased by the University; except where a specific exemption has been granted;
- x all retail vendors operating on University, controlled or leased premises.

Exemptions must be authorised by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Where approved, this information will be displayed on the [University Website](#)

Q4 Who is affected by the smoke-free initiative?

Anyone who studies, works or visits University campuses including general public.

i.e. all persons outlined in the scope of the [University Policy Statement](#) and all persons on University premises or grounds.

Q5 What about University residential facilities?

- Q7 Is second hand smoke really harmful?
 Yes. The Cancer Council of Australia have issued a statement on the health risks of passive smoking. “Even small amounts of exposure to tobacco smoke are harmful to people’s health. A smoke-free environment is the only way to fully protect non-smokers from the dangers of second-hand smoke.”
 To review the position statement, [refer to Cancer Council of Australia website](#)
- Q8 Does Smoke-free University include e-cigarettes? (i.e. electronic cigarettes)
 Yes. In accordance with [The Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act \(1997\) and Regulations \(2019\)](#), any device that is designed to generate or release an aerosol or vapour for inhalat

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