

## Aerosol and Spray Policy

### RATIONALE

Lake Bolac College is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment with student safety and wellbeing front and centre of what we do. Due to the health risks associated with aerosols and asthmatic members of the school community, Lake Bolac College will restrict the use of aerosols and by doing so, provide a safe environment for the school community.

### OBJECTIVE

To establish and maintain a safe learning environment for all students, staff, parents and visitors to Lake Bolac College, without risks to their health. As a school community, a large number of members have respiratory conditions which can be aggravated or triggered by the use of aerosols. In addition, aerosol cans are often flammable, with a potential to explode or rupture.

### POLICY

The Oxford dictionary defines an aerosol as:

‘A substance enclosed under pressure and released as a fine spray by means of a propellant gas’

This policy applies to all members of the school community, contractors and visitors to Lake Bolac College. This policy applies on the school grounds at Lake Bolac College and at external events off-site being facilitated by Lake Bolac College or participated in by Lake Bolac College.

The use of aerosols is to be avoided wherever possible.

### Permitted use of Aerosols

The approved use of aerosols is restricted to the following circumstances and must be approved by the Principal or Assistant Principal:

- Medical purposes such as the use of an asthma inhaler as per medical instructions. (Members of the school community do not need Principal class permission to use a medically required asthma inhaler)
- Curriculum purposes providing a risk assessment has been undertaken by the staff member in charge, Principal class has approved the use of aerosols and there are safe operating procedures in place, such as adequate ventilation. All aerosols must be stored in a secure, cool place and out of access for students.
- Cleaning purposes with Principal class approval
- Covid-19 compliance and covid-safe cleaning practices, with Principal class approval

### Prohibited use of Aerosols

Prohibited use of aerosols includes but is not limited to:

- Aerosol spray deodorants
- Aerosol spray sunscreens
- Aerosol insect repellents
- Aerosol hairsprays and shampoo sprays
- Aerosol air fresheners and room deodorisers

Students are not permitted to bring any type of aerosol spray to school, including school associated activities such as camps and excursions. Any aerosols brought to school will be confiscated and parents/guardians will be asked to collect them.

Deliberate use of prohibited aerosols will be treated as a health and safety risk and behaviour management processes will be followed. Aerosol cans found with students will be confiscated. If deemed necessary, bag or locker searches will be conducted by school leadership.



#### Roles and responsibilities – school staff

- Reinforce importance of an aerosol-free environment
- Monitor student use of personal items such as prohibited spray deodorants and other aerosol sprays
- Complete required risk assessments and seek Principal class approval for use of aerosol sprays

#### Roles and responsibilities – students

- Students are not to bring aerosols to school
- Follow good hygiene practices by applying personal aerosol products at home
- Roll on deodorant is permitted at school

#### Roles and responsibilities – parents and guardians

- Ensure students do not use or bring prohibited aerosols to Lake Bolac College
- Understand the importance of an aerosol free environment
- Understand that some curriculum activities or cleaning procedures will include the use of aerosols and that thorough risk assessments and approval has been sought
- Support Lake Bolac College's undertaking that repeated offences will be treated as endangering the health and safety of members of the school community and behaviour management procedures will be followed

#### REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last reviewed and approved by school council in July 2022 and is scheduled for evaluation and review in July 2024.

#### APPROVAL

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