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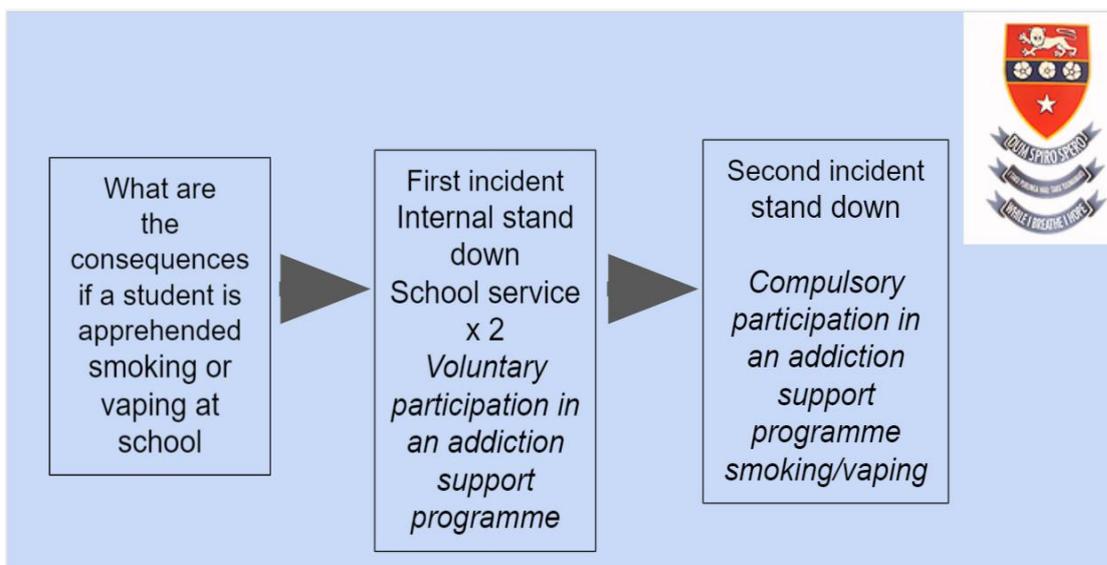
Since the beginning of the term, we have observed an increase of student vaping incidents. Today we held a special school assembly to clarify school expectations regarding vaping.

It is important that students understand that vaping at school is not only against school rules but it is also against the law as it contravenes the Smoke free Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020.

We also wanted students to understand that there are health risks associated with vaping. I shared the following quote that I took from a Stuff story about vaping in the Christchurch area:

Dr Melanie Natascha Tommintz of the University of Canterbury's Geospatial Research Institute, has explored health issues with vaping and e-cigarette use. The literature said it was dangerous for young people because it often contained nicotine and toxic chemicals, which users also inhaled, she said. "Nicotine is an addictive substance and that is an issue for brain development,"
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/125211590/vaping-problem-in-schools-at-almost-epidemic-proportions>

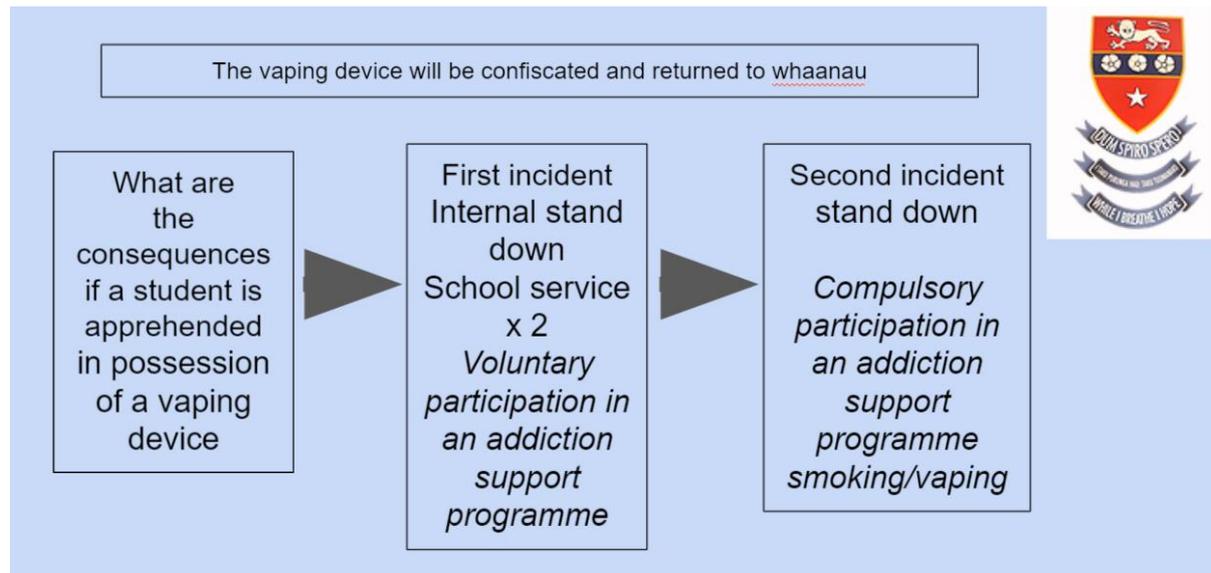
We also took the opportunity to clarify the school consequences for students that are apprehended vaping or smoking at school.



An internal stand down means that the student is not permitted to attend their normal classes but will be supervised to continue their work at school. School service means that students will be carrying out various school service tasks over two lunch periods.

The stand down referred to in the second incident is an external stand down. This means that the student will not be permitted to attend school for a period of time (could be up to three days). For a second incident we would also require parent support for the student to engage in an overcoming addiction support programme.

We also explained that there are consequences for students that are apprehended at school with vaping devices.



The following link provides vaping information that parents may find useful.
<https://www.hpa.org.nz/programme/education/vaping>

Thank you for your support in this matter. We welcome your feedback about the information provided in this communication.

Naaku noa, naa

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