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From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 24 July 2023 10:38 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education
Subject: M38910 - *Student* s47(3)(b) - re her anti-vaping short film s47(3)(b) - made by teens for teens

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Requested by: JT (AD) 24/07/2023					
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Kind regards,



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From: Daniel Webb <Daniel.Webb@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:25 AM

To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Kate Talbot <Kate.Talbot@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: ATTN: Grace Grace - s47(3) Short Film - Emily Jade said to email

Hey Jack,

Here is this one as discussed.

Do I need to respond to s47(3) to let her know I've passed it on?

Thanks,

Daniel

s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

The Honourable Grace Grace MP
Minister for Education
Minister for Industrial Relations and
Minister for Racing

CORRESPONDENCE DOT POINTS

SUBJECT: ANTI-VAPING FILM s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

- On 14 and 20 July 2023, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest wrote to the Minister regarding her anti-vaping short film, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest.

Background

- s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest and has developed the short film to highlight the negative health and social impacts vaping can have, from the perspective of a young teenager.
- A link to the film is provided in s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest email; however, it is not yet available to the general public to view.
- The department was notified by s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest that the film is an official selection for the 2023 Lady Filmmakers Awards in Beverley Hills - www.ladyfilmmakers.com/2023-official-selection and s47(3) has also been nominated for the Gold Coast Woman of the Year Awards, Young Woman section.

Contact made by the Department of Education

- On 25 July 2023, Mr Brett Weeden, Acting Executive Director, Student Protection and Wellbeing, contacted s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest whose contact details were provided in s47(3)(b) email.
- Mr Weeden asked that congratulations be passed on to s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest regarding her film and indicated that while the Department of Education does not endorse individual resources, consideration would be given to how awareness of the film could be raised with schools, so they could use the film as a resource, as appropriate.
- s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
- The Curriculum team within Schools and Student Support has reviewed the film and will scope some learning activities for teachers to use.
- Locations on the department's website have been identified for publication of the film or the link to the film. This will also be accompanied with advice on how the film can be used in Health and Physical Education or Health and Wellbeing lessons.

Contact Officer: Brett Weeden A/Executive Director Student Protection and Wellbeing Ph: (07) 3513 5947 Date: 25/07/2023	Approved by: Hayley Stevenson Assistant Director-General Disability, Inclusion and Student Services Ph: (07) 3513 5836 Date: 28/07/2023	Approved by: Stacie Hansel Deputy Director-General Schools and Student Support Ph: (07) 3513 5803 Date: 08/08/2023
Contact Officer: Terry Gallagher Director Curriculum Ph: (07) 3055 2870 Date: 08/08/2023	Approved by: Kylie Marchant A/Executive Director Curriculum Ph: (07) 3034 5260 Mob s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest Date: 08/08/2023	Approved by: Christopher Lassig Assistant Director-General School and Region Reviews, Teaching Learning, Rural and Remote Ph: (07) 3028 8288 Date: 08/08/2023



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Deal
s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Thank you for your emails dated 14 and 20 July 2023 regarding your anti-vaping film. s47(3)(b) - Contrary

Congratulations on the incredible job you have done with putting this film together. Vaping is one of the most important health issues we are currently facing and your film addresses many of the negative health and social impacts of vaping in a way that young people will understand and relate to.

Like you, I think it is critical that we raise awareness of the harmful effects of vaping. Last year, I raised this with my Ministerial Student Advisory Council, which is made up of students from across Queensland. Many of the comments they made about why young people experiment with vaping, and the possible ways of preventing them starting or supporting young people to stop vaping, are the same as those addressed in your film.

I understand since you wrote to me you have received some extremely exciting news, with s47(3)(b) having been confirmed as an official selection for the 2023 Lady Filmmakers Awards to be held in Beverly Hills! To be accepted into an international film festival such as this is something you should be immensely proud of.

I was also informed you have been nominated for the Gold Coast Woman of the Year Awards, in the Young Woman section. Regardless of the final result, this is such an amazing achievement and I wish you the very best.

I have passed on the link to your film to relevant staff in the Department of Education, who will consider the most appropriate way it can be made available as a resource for schools to use.

s47(3)(b) I have no doubt you have an extremely bright future ahead of you. I extend my warmest thanks for your efforts in developing this short film. I am sure it will be widely used and appreciated by schools and other organisations that are working so hard to educate our next generation about the harmful effects of vaping and e-cigarettes.

If you would like more information or assistance, please contact Ms Hayley Stevenson, Assistant Director-General, Disability, Inclusion and Student Services, on (07) 3513 5836 or by email at hayley.stevenson@ged.qld.gov.au.

Please accept my sincere congratulations for your production, s47(3) I am so proud of young Queenslanders like yourself who are innovative and proactive in tackling social issues in such a creative way.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grace', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

GRACE GRACE MP
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Minister for Racing

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BROMLEY, Kira

From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 10 August 2023 8:59 AM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education
Subject: M39144 s47(3)(b) - National Heart Foundation of Australia congratulation letter re Vaping in schools
Attachments: Letter of congratulations 080823_GraceGraceMP.pdf

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From: **s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest** <@heartfoundation.org.au>

Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 5:55 PM

To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Heart Foundation thank you letter

Please find attached correspondence for the Minister.

Kind regards

s47(3)(b)



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s47(3)(b) - Contrary



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heartfoundation.org.au

09 August 2023

Hon. Grace Grace MP
Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing
Sent by email:
education@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister Grace,

Congratulations on taking further action to tackle the problem of vaping in schools.

The Heart Foundation welcomes your recent funding announcement which demonstrates the Government's willingness to take further action to tackle the problem of vaping in our communities. We commend you on this investment ensuring all Queensland Secondary schools have access to the innovative alcohol and drug education program the Blurred Minds Academy. This is another vital step in a multipronged, across Government approach to prevent our young Queenslanders from falling victim to the concerning chemicals found in vaping products.

As a witness at the recent Parliamentary Inquiry into Vaping, we support this approach and will watch in anticipation for the successful outcomes and continued investment in such strategies, until such time that illegal vaping in the community has ceased.

We appreciate all you have done and continue to do in your passionate support for the education of our young Queenslanders in your role as Education Minister. We look forward to continuing to work with you, Queensland Health and the Queensland Government to ensure that Queenslanders take more steps towards healthier lifestyles due to initiatives like this, eventually driving improved health outcomes for all.

Yours sincerely,

s47(3)(b) - Contrary to
Public Interest

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The Honourable Grace Grace MP
Minister for Education
Minister for Industrial Relations and
Minister for Racing

CORRESPONDENCE DOT POINTS

SUBJECT: VAPING IN SCHOOLS

- On 9 August 2023, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest National Heart Foundation of Australia, wrote to the Minister in support of the *Blurred Minds Academy* initiative.

Background

- The *Blurred Minds Academy* features modules on vaping and health, vaping deception, and vaping and the environment. Learning tools include videos, quizzes, games and supporting teacher resources.
- The resource will be made available to schools from Term 4, 2023.
- Providing access to the *Blurred Minds Academy* will complement the Department of Education's ongoing work to strengthen the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) program.
- Currently under review, the updated AOD program is expected to be rolled out in 2024.
- The National Heart Foundation of Australia recently released a media statement in support of the Therapeutic Goods Administration consultation on the regulation around the sale of vapes and e-cigarettes and made a submission to the Health and Environment Committee inquiry into reducing rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland, which urged the Queensland Government to protect young people and non-smokers from the harms of vaping and address the increasing use of e-cigarettes in the community.

Contact Officer: Brett Weeden Acting Executive Director Student Wellbeing, Family and Community Partnerships Ph: (07) 3513 5947	Approved by: Hayley Stevenson Assistant Director-General Disability, Inclusion and Student Services Ph: (07) 3513 5836 Date: 22/08/2023	Approved by: Stacie Hansel Deputy Director-General Schools and Student Support Ph: (07) 3513 5803 Date: 22/08/2023
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National Heart Foundation of Australia
Email: [s47\(3\)\(b\)-@heartfoundation.org.au](mailto:s47(3)(b)-@heartfoundation.org.au)

Dear s47(3)(b) -
Contrary to

Thank you for your letter dated 9 August 2023, regarding resources to address vaping in schools. I appreciate the time you have taken to share your support of the recent announcement that will see all secondary schools in Queensland gain access to the *Blurred Minds Academy*. The program will provide teachers in our schools with a valuable tool to educate students about the dangers associated with alcohol, vaping and other drugs.

In addition to the *Blurred Minds Academy* resources, the University of Queensland's National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research has been engaged to review the Department of Education's Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) program to strengthen the focus on smoking and vaping. The updated AOD program is expected to be available to schools in 2024.

I am aware the National Heart Foundation has been actively supporting tobacco reform measures around vaping and e-cigarettes, given the strong link between using these products and the development of heart disease and other chronic health conditions. I appreciate the work and look forward to continuing to work with the National Heart Foundation to address this serious issue.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Ms Hayley Stevenson, Assistant Director-General, Disability, Inclusion and Student Services, on (07) 3513 5836 or by email at hayley.stevenson@qed.qld.gov.au.

Once again, thank you for your continued work to support young people to make responsible choices about their own health.

Yours sincerely

GRACE GRACE MP
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From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 2:38 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education
Subject: M40017 s47(3)(b) - re students in school uniform vaping at Kangaroo Bus
service number s47(3)(b) - Contrary to School

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Requested by: Amanda Dagger 11/09/2023					
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From: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 9:09 PM

To: [principal@s47\(3\)\(b\)-eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@s47(3)(b)-eq.edu.au); info@kangaroobuslines.com.au; Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Health <health@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Premier <premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: s47(3) students Vaping on bus service

To whom it may concern,

Please address this issue immediately!

I am not happy that the Kangaroo Bus service number s47(3) that leaves s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest School at approximately 14:50 on Thursday 7th September 2023, has school students, in school uniform, sitting at the rear of the bus, that continue to vape, placing the other student passengers on this service health at stake!

Please address this immediately! I don't need my child, or any other child breathing in these toxic fumes!

Thank you

s47(3)(b) -
Contrary to
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The Honourable Grace Grace MP
Minister for Education
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Minister for Racing

MINISTERIAL TELEPHONE CALL

SUBJECT: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest SCHOOL

- On 7 September 2023, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest contacted the Minister's Office regarding vaping on the Kangaroo Bus service number s47(3) at s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest School.

Background

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Call summary

- On 25 September 2023, Ms Lauren Kelly, School Community Liaison Officer, Metropolitan North Region contacted s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest to discuss her concerns.
 - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest advised that she has not received any communication in response to her email, from either s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest School or the Kangaroo Bus company.
 - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest advised s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest of the vaping on the bus, which happens regularly.
 - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest advised that the bus driver has a challenging time to get the students to sit down and be respectful.
 - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest is aware that vaping is an issue across all communities. s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest School, where the school is proactively engaging with the students and responding quickly to parents concerns.
 - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest a program on Channel 7 about vaping and the impact on the human body. s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
 - Ms Kelly advised that the Queensland Government has committed several million dollars to educate students in state high schools on the impacts of vaping from Term 4, of this year.
 - Ms Kelly thanked s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest for the information provided, advised that the Deputy Principal Education Officer will be advised of the phone call and that s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest will receive a written response in due course.
 - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest was appreciative of the phone call.
- On 6 October 2023, Mr Joe Bucher, Deputy Principal Education Services, contacted s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest Principal, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest School to discuss s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest concerns.
 - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest was aware of the email from the parent and the very prompt response from Kangaroo Bus Lines (KBL) on 8 September 2023 - CM 23/715861. The response from KBL was very detailed and explained the processes that would be followed. The principal believed that the response from KBL answered the complainants questions.
 - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest will ensure that a member of the school's administration team will contact with the complainant to apologise for the delay in response and to reassure them that appropriate actions have been taken on each instance of a disclosure concerning student behaviour on transport.

Outcomes/further actions

- School administration member will contact the parent.

Human Rights

- NIL human rights impacts have been identified.

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- On 8 September 2023 – Kangaroo Bus Lines sent an email in response to the complainant. That email detailed the actions they can and do take to address the concerns of the complainant.
- In this email KBL advises that:
 - CCTV footage from the vehicle has been viewed, clipped, and saved;
 - A Student Code of Conduct email has been sent to the principal of s47(3)(b) - s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest School advising of the behaviour and requesting student identification using the still images from the CCTV footage of offending students;
 - Principal, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest School has been issued with
 - SBO-1: Request from a school bus operator (SBO) to the Director-General (or delegate) to release student personal information where the disclosure is in the public interest in accordance with s.426(4)(e)(ii) of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (EGPA)
 - KBL Network Officers have been allocated to school service s47(3)(b) intermittently during the last week of Term 3, 2023

Contact Officer: Lauren Kelly School Community Liaison Officer Metropolitan North Region	Contact Officer: Joe Bucher Deputy Principal Education Officer Ph: 07 3634 1811 Date: 10/10/2023	Endorsed by: Paul Pengelly School Supervisor Metropolitan North Region Ph: 3634 0549 Date: 11/10/2023	Approved by: Tanya Reeves Director Education Services Metropolitan North Region Ph: s47(3)(b) - Date: 11/10/2023
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From: MetropolitanNorth, Enquiries
Sent: Thursday, 19 October 2023 11:54 AM
To: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to
Subject: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public SCHOOL

Dear s47(3)(b) - Contrary to

Thank you for your email dated 7 September 2023 to the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, regarding incidents on the Kangaroo Bus service.

I am advised that you received a response from s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Operations Control Centre, Kangaroo Bus Lines on 8 September 2023 providing an explanation to your email.

Please be assured, s47(3)(b) - Contrary Principal, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public School, and her staff take all instances of poor student conduct seriously. I have spoken with s47(3)(b) - Contrary regarding student conduct on school buses and I am confident that school staff have responded appropriately to all instances you and your son have reported.

At times, the requirement to protect students' privacy may give the impression that the school is not acting, that appropriate strategies have not been implemented or that consequences have been inconsistent. I can assure you that the school is focused on protecting all students' health and safety. Consequences for student behaviours have, and will continue to be, assigned to all students involved in inappropriate behaviours, in line with the school's *Student Code of Conduct 2020–23*, which is available on the school's website at <https://narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au/supportandresources/formsanddocuments/documents/behaviour%20management/nvshs-student-code-of-conduct.pdf>

If you would like further information or assistance, please contact the Metropolitan North Regional Office on (07) 3634 0500 or by email at enquiries.metropolitannorth@qed.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Bucher
Deputy Principal Education Officer

Metropolitan North Region
Department of Education

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I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, waterways and seas. I pay my respects to their ancestors and Elders of the past and present, and their continued determination to keep culture alive and strong.



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From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
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Department Ref:		Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Minister Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department officer to contact	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief of Staff Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	Action as deemed necessary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior Policy Advisor Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	NRR	<input type="checkbox"/>
MO Comments:			



Kind regards,

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From: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to @kangaroobuslines.com.au

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 1:02 PM

To: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to

Cc: [principal@s47\(3\)\(b\)-eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@s47(3)(b)-eq.edu.au); Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Health <health@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Premier <premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: s47(3) students Vaping on bus service

Good morning, s47(3)(b)

Thank you for contacting Kangaroo Bus Lines with your concerns of students vaping on school service s47(3). All misbehaviour is managed under "Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses"

We would like to assure you that everything within our scope of power is being done in the attempt to cease this type of behaviour on all school and urban routes.

Our driving team are responsible for transporting students to and from school safely. To this end, drivers number one priority is paying attention to the road and any student hailing the services.

Things we as a company and our drivers CAN do under the Code.

1. Stop the bus when safe to do so and instruct behaviour to stop.
2. Identify student and school, if possible.
3. Warn student of consequences if behaviour continues.
4. If behaviour continues further – redirect behaviour to stop.
5. Record incident at end of journey, using documentation required by KBL.
6. Review CCTV footage and pass any relevant footage along to the principal of the school.
7. Issue code of conduct breach information to school, parent/carer (where parent/carer information is freely available or obtainable)
8. Allocate KBL Network Officers to the service for a selected period

NOTE! KBL Network officers cannot issue fines, confiscate articles, or remove a student from service.

Things we CANNOT do under the code.

1. Remove any offending article from a student's possession.
2. Search a student's backpack or bag.
3. Remove a student from the service (other than leaving the student at a stop under the supervision of the student Parent/carer or at a school under the supervision of an authorized school representative)
4. Direct KBL Network Officers to do any of the above.

Things that HAVE been done in this incidence specifically.

1. CCTV footage from the vehicle has been viewed, clipped, and saved.
2. A Student Code of Conduct email has been sent to principal of s47(3)(b) - Contrary to advising him of the behaviour and requesting student identification using the still images from the CCTV footage of offending students.
3. Issued s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Principal s47(3)(b) - Contrary with to Public Interest

SBO-1: Request from a school bus operator (SBO) to the Director-General (or delegate) to release student personal information where the disclosure is in the public interest in accordance with s.426(4)(e)(ii) of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (EGPA)

4. Allocated KBL Network Officers to school service s47(3)(b) intermittently during the last week of Term 3, 2023

Our next steps dependant on student identification and provision of Parent/Carer information.

1. Warning of potential exclusion from service letter to parent/carers of each student involved.
2. Request that the school hand down suitable detention or suspension from school to the offending students.

Please refer to the relevant hyperlinks below.

[Right to Information Act 2009](#)

[Code of Conduct further important information](#)

[Translink Passenger Code of Conduct - All Services](#)

[TRANSLINK Senior Network Officers Authority and Extended Powers](#)

s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

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BROMLEY, Kira

From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 4:02 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education
Subject: M40004 s47(3)(b) - re vaping in high schools
Attachments: RE Thank you for your email - Vaping in High Schools

Minister Correspondence EDUCATION					
Action Required					
Minister's Office		Departmental		Timeframe	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Minister	<input type="checkbox"/>	Action as necessary		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	NRR		
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Information Classification:		Official			
Security Access Controls:		No			
Electorate:		N/A			
Related Record/s:		Nil			
Critical Date:		N/A			
NOTES (FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS):					
Schools and Student Support					
Requested by: Amanda Dagger 7/09/2023					
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From: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:21 PM
To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Vaping in High Schools

Hello,

I like to reach out and ask you what is being done about the incredibly easy access to vapes by our teenagers and in some cases even our children, particularly on school grounds?

Vapes are far too easily accessible by young, vulnerable people and they are very often becoming addicted. They are being exchanged and sold in school toilets. The peer pressure is beyond immense because so many are taking part in this extremely harmful habit and it has become normalised. They are packaged in a way that is appealing to children and teens and they have an array of sweet flavours to choose from.

Why are they so readily available from smoke stores and general stores? Why are they not regulated? Why is it so easy for teenagers to buy, swap and sell them in school grounds? Why are we failing our teens and watching them become addicted at such a young age?

From my perspective as a Mother who is witnessing the effects of vaping on teenagers, I am deeply concerned. We most certainly have a huge social problem on our hands in this country which is often starting in the high school yard and toilets.

Please help our teenagers and children so that we can avoid such high rates of addiction and very worrying medical and social problems going into the future.

It starts with us as adults and leaders to make the changes necessary for our vulnerable youths.

Kind regards,

s47(3)(b) -

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From: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 12:25 PM
To: Education
Subject: RE: Thank you for your email - Vaping in High Schools

Thank you, my name is s47(3)(b) - and my number is s47(3)(b) - Contrary to

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From: Education
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 12:21 PM
To: s47(3)(b) -
Subject: Thank you for your email

Thank you for your email to the office of the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing.

Minister Grace appreciates the time you have taken to contact her. As our office receives a large volume of correspondence, I trust you will understand that it may take some time for our office to receive advice from our departments to respond to this matter, particularly if your issue is complex.

To assist our office in providing a response, please ensure you have included your full name and a contact phone number in your email. If you have not done so, please provide your details now by replying to this email.

The Minister's emails are regularly monitored. If you are sending an email outside of business hours, please be assured it will be reviewed promptly on the next business day.

Again, thank you for contacting Minister Grace.

Kind regards

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CORRESPONDENCE DOT POINTS

SUBJECT: VAPING IN HIGH SCHOOLS

- On 7 September 2023, s47(3)(b) - Contrary wrote to the Minister regarding easy access to vapes by teenagers, particularly on school grounds.
- s47(3)(b) - expresses her fears of addiction and worrying medical and social problems going into the future.
- In particular, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to asks why electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and vapes are so readily available from smoke stores and general stores and why they are not regulated.

Background

- Regulation of e-cigarettes and vaping products falls under the jurisdiction of Queensland Health.
- Under the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998* (the Act), electronic cigarettes—regardless of whether they contain nicotine or not—and related products are smoking products, which are subject to Queensland smoking laws. This includes that e-cigarettes cannot be:
 - used in non-smoking indoor and outdoor places;
 - sold to children under 18 years of age;
 - advertised, promoted or displayed at retail outlets; or
 - provided for sale in a vending machine.
- From 1 September 2024, new requirements for selling smoking products in Queensland will be implemented, including:
 - that anyone selling smoking products must have a licence and that a licence is needed for each retail or wholesale outlet where smoking products are sold;
 - displaying an approved copy of the licence where smoking products are sold so that it can be easily read by customers at all times a business is open (this includes on a website for an online shop);
 - employees who are under 18 cannot sell or handle smoking products as part of their job (businesses with fewer than 20 employees have until 1 September 2025 to meet this requirement); and
 - the introduction of additional requirements for employee training.
- Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes or vaping, is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for five metres beyond their boundaries.
- New legislation to strengthen tobacco laws and increase smoke-free places has been introduced to make school car parks smoke-free, including those located both on school land and adjacent non-school land.
- Every Queensland state school is required to develop a *Student Code of Conduct*, which details property that students may not bring to school—such as tobacco and other smoking products, including e-cigarettes—and the consequences of breaching these rules.

- The use of suspension or exclusion to address vaping behaviours of students is only used as a last resort when other responses are considered insufficient to address the seriousness of the incident.
- Consultation with the Ministerial Student Advisory Council in April 2022 revealed the need for more educative and supportive approaches to address vaping behaviours.
- The Department of Education works intensively with schools to support and empower young people to make healthy choices and prevent them from using these harmful products.
- Further action to tackle vaping in government and non-government schools is being taken through a \$5 million investment in the innovative alcohol and drug education program, the Blurred Minds Academy.
- Developed at Griffith University, the Blurred Minds Academy was created in partnership with the University of Queensland's National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research and features modules on vaping and health, vaping deception, and vaping and the environment.
- All Queensland schools with secondary students will have access to the Blurred Minds program via a staged roll out, commencing in Term 4, 2023.
- The government also recently launched the *There's Nothing Sweet About Vapes* public health campaign. Further information in relation to the campaign is available at www.vapingexposed.initiatives.qld.gov.au/.

Contact Officer: Brett Weeden A/Executive Director Student Protection and Wellbeing Ph: (07) 3513 5947 Date: 25/09/2023	Approved by: Robyn Rosengrave A/Assistant Director-General Disability, Inclusion and Student Services Ph: (07) 3513 5942 Date: 27/09/2023	Approved by: Stacie Hansel Deputy Director-General Schools and Student Support Ph: (07) 3513 5803 Date: 28/09/2023
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s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Dear s47(3)(b) -
Contrary to

Thank you for your email dated 7 September 2023 to the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, in relation to vaping and young people. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf and I apologise for the delay in responding.

I acknowledge your concerns about vaping and given the significant health risks associated with the use of these products, the Department of Education welcomes any measures put in place to regulate the distribution and availability of vapes and e-cigarettes. This includes the recent announcement by the Australian Government proposing stronger regulation and enforcement of all e-cigarettes, including new controls on importation, contents and packaging.

Along with the measures proposed by the Australian Government, an inquiry into the use of vaping and e-cigarette products was recently undertaken by the Queensland Parliament Health and Environment Committee. This inquiry was undertaken to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to share their views, which will ultimately ensure Queensland's response is comprehensive and targeted appropriately.

Queensland state schools already employ a range of resources to educate students about the dangers of vaping, including those developed by organisations such as the Cancer Council Queensland and the Lung Foundation Australia.

In secondary schools, School Based Youth Health Nurses work with students and staff to highlight the risks associated with vaping. They also link with Dovetail, a drug and alcohol support service that provides clinical advice and professional support to staff working with young people who vape.

In addition to these measures, the Palaszczuk Government has invested \$5 million to provide all Queensland schools with secondary students access to the Blurred Minds Academy online program.

Developed at Griffith University, the Blurred Minds Academy was created in partnership with the University of Queensland's National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research and features modules on vaping and health, vaping deception, and vaping and the environment.

Access to the Blurred Minds Academy will occur via a staged roll out, commencing in Term 4, 2023.

Every Queensland state school is required to develop a *Student Code of Conduct*, which details property that students may not bring to school, such as tobacco and other smoking products, including e-cigarettes, and the consequences of breaching these rules.

Students, parents or school visitors who have information on any behaviour that threatens the wellbeing of students, including the distribution of vaping products at school, are encouraged to share this information with the school principal. Our schools are keenly invested in protecting young Queenslanders and rely on collaboration from students, families, staff and the wider community to report these incidents so appropriate, protective steps can be taken.

If you require additional information or assistance, please contact Mr Brett Weeden, Executive Director, Schools and Student Support, by email at brett.weeden@qed.qld.gov.au or on (07) 3513 5947.

Thank you again for your input into this important conversation. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



TIM SHIPSTONE
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BROMLEY, Kira

From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 September 2023 2:07 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education
Subject: M40288 s47(3)(b) - [REDACTED] re idea for media competition for students to prevent vaping and youth crime

Minister Correspondence EDUCATION			
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Information Classification:		Official	
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Electorate:		n/a	
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Critical Date:		n/a	
NOTES (FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS):			
Schools and Student Support			
Requested by: Courtney Stewart 27/09/2023			
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Chief of Staff Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	Action as deemed necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Policy Advisor Response	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRR	<input type="checkbox"/>
MO Comments: Please make contact in the first instance.			

Kind regards,



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From: The Premier <The.Premier@premiers.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 3:25 PM

To: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: TF/23/10745 - Message for s47(3)(b) - Contrary to

Dear s47(3)(b) - Contrary to

Thank you for your email regarding vaping in schools. I have been requested to reply to you on behalf of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and I apologise for the delay in responding.

As the matter you have raised falls within the responsibility of the Honourable Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, your email has been forwarded to her office for consideration and direct response to you on behalf of the Palaszczuk Government.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to the Premier.

Yours sincerely

Office of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

From: noreply@premiers.qld.gov.au <noreply@premiers.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 12:15 AM

To: The Premier <The.Premier@premiers.qld.gov.au>; CorrolInboxAutomationTest <CorrolInboxAutomationTest@premiers.qld.gov.au>

Subject: youth crime

This is an automated response message. Please do not reply.

Thank you for your email to the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Premier appreciates the time you have taken to contact her with your comments.

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Office of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

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Postcode: s47(3)(b)

Comment:

Good evening / morning Ma'am,

Re: Youth Crime

I saw an initiative on the Sunrise morning news in which high school students of media studies had made videos on the stupidity of vaping. Initially I thought that was brilliant, because we know kids don't want to listen to adults, but they obsess about what other kids think.

It would be cheaper & easier than wasting Police time on these kids who steal cars, break into homes, & steal from shops, if the media students could tell the youth offenders that they're being stupid & throwing away their futures.

I think that a competition, open to state & private schools might be an idea. It would get a prompt response across the state & it would be relatively inexpensive. Say, offering two cash prizes to numerous winners: both to the school & to the kids producing the films across several categories: anti-crime / get-a-life videos aimed at lower primary, upper primary, lower high school and upper high school.

The lower primary kids would especially benefit from this programme. They could start thinking about making a success of their lives, starting with paying attention in class, and have a real chance of making something of themselves.

And I think that the kids should see multiple winning entries from a spectrum of media students from a broad range of ethnicities & socio-economic backgrounds. In that way, the kids at risk can't say, 'That's just for rich kids.' or 'That's just for white kids.'

Thank you very much for your time, Premier.

Regards,

s47(3)(b) -
Contrary to

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CORRESPONDENCE DOT POINTS

SUBJECT: SCHOOL-BASED MEASURES TO ADDRESS YOUTH OFFENDING

- On 26 July 2023, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest wrote to the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, in relation to her idea to help prevent youth crime.
- On 25 September 2023 s47(3)(b) - Contrary to correspondence was referred to Minister Grace for consideration.
- s47(3)(b) - has suggested a school-based competition, where media studies students are invited to design a campaign discouraging young persons from offending.
- While this specific process is unlikely to be appropriate (given the range and complexity of factors underlying youth offending, and attendant risks of stigmatisation of young persons who may be at-risk of offending), the draft response acknowledges the influence of views expressed by young persons' peers, and refers to:
 - cross-agency work intended to support co-ordinated public messaging on youth crime issues (e.g. departmental officers are currently participating in a cross-agency 'Community of Practice' group recently established by the Queensland Police Service in order to support more consistent public messaging in this area);
 - online video resources currently featured as part of the *Digital Engagement Strategy*, in which young persons provide information and advice directly to students who are disengaged, or at risk of disengagement; and
 - broader departmental responses aimed at students who are involved with the criminal justice system, or disengaged or at risk of disengagement from school.
- Mr Michael Shephard, Director, Youth Justice, made a number of attempts to contact s47(3)(b) - by telephone with no response. A follow-up email was also provided on 10 October 2023.

Contact Officer: Michael Shephard A/Director Youth Justice Ph: (07) 3228 6924	Approved by: Kathy Morrison School Supervisor, Alternative Learning and Detention Centres Ph: (07) 3513 5390 Date: 17/10/2023	Approved by: Hayley Stevenson Assistant Director-General Disability, Inclusion and Student Services Ph: (07) 3513 5836 Date: 23/10/2023
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BROMLEY, Kira

From: SHEPHARD, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 12:03 PM
To: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
Subject: FW: M40288 s47(3)(b) - [REDACTED] re idea for media competition for students to prevent vaping and youth crime

Dear s47(3)(b) - Contrary to

My name is Michael Shephard, and I am currently the Acting Director, Youth Justice, within the Department of Education. In this capacity, I am currently involved in a range of initiatives designed to provide educational services to young persons involved with, or at risk of involvement with, the criminal justice system.

Following on from your recent email to the Office of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, I have been asked to contact you regarding your proposal.

To this end, I was wondering if there may be a convenient time when I could give you a call?

Kind regards,

Michael Shephard

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I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, waterways and seas. I pay my respects to their ancestors and Elders of the past and present, and their continued determination to keep culture alive and strong.



From: The Premier <The.Premier@premiers.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 3:25 PM

To: s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest; Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: TF/23/10745 - Message for s47(3)(b) - Contrary to

Dear s47(3)(b) - Contrary to

Thank you for your email regarding vaping in schools. I have been requested to reply to you on behalf of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and I apologise for the delay in responding.

As the matter you have raised falls within the responsibility of the Honourable Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, your email has been forwarded to her office for consideration and direct response to you on behalf of the Palaszczuk Government.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to the Premier.

Yours sincerely

Office of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

From: noreply@premiers.qld.gov.au <noreply@premiers.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 12:15 AM

To: The Premier <The.Premier@premiers.qld.gov.au>; CorrolInboxAutomationTest <CorrolInboxAutomationTest@premiers.qld.gov.au>

Subject: youth crime

This is an automated response message. Please do not reply.

Thank you for your email to the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Premier appreciates the time you have taken to contact her with your comments.

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Office of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

youth crime

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State: s47(3)(b) -

Postcode: s47(3)(b) -

Comment:

Good evening / morning Ma'am,

Re: Youth Crime

I saw an initiative on the Sunrise morning news in which high school students of media studies had made videos on the stupidity of vaping. Initially I thought that was brilliant, because we know kids don't want to listen to adults, but they obsess about what other kids think.

It would be cheaper & easier than wasting Police time on these kids who steal cars, break into homes, & steal from shops, if the media students could tell the youth offenders that they're being stupid & throwing away their futures.

I think that a competition, open to state & private schools might be an idea. It would get a prompt response across the state & it would be relatively inexpensive. Say, offering two cash prizes to numerous winners: both to the school & to the kids producing the films across several categories: anti-crime / get-a-life videos aimed at lower primary, upper primary, lower high school and upper high school.

The lower primary kids would especially benefit from this programme. They could start thinking about making a success of their lives, starting with paying attention in class, and have a real chance of making something of themselves.

And I think that the kids should see multiple winning entries from a spectrum of media students from a broad range of ethnicities & socio-economic backgrounds. In that way, the kids at risk can't say, 'That's just for rich kids.' or 'That's just for white kids.'

Thank you very much for your time, Premier.

Regards,

s47(3)(b) -
Contrary to

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s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public
Interest

Dear s47(3)(b) -
Contrary to

I refer to your email dated 26 July 2023 to the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, regarding a potential school-based response to youth offending. The Premier has forwarded your email to the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, for consideration. I have been asked to respond on Minister Grace's behalf, and I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate your suggestion for a process where school students would be invited to develop material aimed at discouraging young persons from engaging in offending behaviour. The idea you raise has been referred to officers of the Department of Education, who are currently working with a range of agencies to develop public messaging in relation to youth justice issues.

As highlighted in your letter, there is certainly evidence that young persons may be influenced by the expressed views of their peers. In recognition of this, the department has developed a range of online material in which young people are employed to deliver advice and information to students who are disengaged, or at risk of disengaging, from school. This material is currently featured in video resources displayed on the *We the Differents* website, specially designed and developed for students as part of the department's *Digital Engagement Strategy*. Further information is available at www.wethedifferents.qld.edu.au/.

The Palaszczuk Government acknowledges the role of education as a key protective factor for young people who are involved, or at risk of involvement, with the justice system. To this end, the department is investing a total of \$15.6 million over four years to expand the Education Justice Initiative, in which dedicated Court Liaison Officers are used to support young persons appearing before the Children's Court to re-engage in education and training options.

The department also provides a range of broader programs aimed at supporting all students who are disengaged, or at-risk of disengagement, from school. In addition to the *Digital Engagement Strategy*, this includes:

- Regional Youth Engagement Services to locate, case manage and re-engage early school leavers back into school and training;
- the Student, Child and Family Connect initiative, which delivers seamless multi-agency supports to promote educational engagement for our most vulnerable young people; and
- support for a network of 52 FlexiSpaces, which provide innovative learning spaces at Queensland state school sites.

An officer from the department attempted to contact you by telephone to discuss the matters raised in your email, but was unfortunately unable to get in contact with you. If you would like to discuss these issues further, I invite you to contact Mr Michael Shephard, Director, Youth Justice, on (07) 3328 6942 or by email at michael.shephard@ged.qld.gov.au.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your views on this important issue. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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BROMLEY, Kira

From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 9 October 2023 3:57 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education
Subject: M40351 - *student* s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest re vaping at s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Minister Correspondence EDUCATION			
Action Required			
Minister's Office		Departmental	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing Note	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department to contact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dot Points	<input type="checkbox"/>	Direct Reply
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minister	<input type="checkbox"/>	Action as necessary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	NRR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Policy Advisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Combine with /
		<input type="checkbox"/>	PTOP (3 days)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	MP/Key Stakeholder (5 days)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member of Public (15 Days)
Information Classification:		Official	
Security Access Controls:		No	
Electorate:			
Related Record/s:			
Critical Date:			
NOTES (FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS):			
North Coast Region to consult with SSS and ISD as necessary Student timeframes please			
Requested by: Ben M / EG 10/10/2023			
***While MESU makes every attempt to ensure correct allocations, it is the responsibility of the officer reviewing this record to consult with other relevant areas of the department if necessary.			
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Incoming Received	9/10/2023	Timeframe	
MO Reference	M40351	MP/Stakeholder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Department Ref:		Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Action Required			
Dot points (required)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct departmental response	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minister Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department officer to contact	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief of Staff Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	Action as deemed necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Policy Advisor Response	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRR	<input type="checkbox"/>
MO Comments:			



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Kind regards,

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s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

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CORRESPONDENCE DOT POINTS

SUBJECT: VAPING – s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

- On 8 October 2023, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest wrote to the Minister regarding vaping at s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest.
- s47(3)(b) is a student at the school and has concerns about the second-hand vape smoke he inhales in the school toilets.
- s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
- s47(3)(b) requests funding for schools to install vape/smoke detectors and surveillance outside toilet blocks.
- s47(3)(b) is considering Distance Education if he is not able to access a safe bathroom.

Background

- s47(3)(b) is s47(3)(b) years of age and enrolled in s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest.
- s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Contact with School

- On 12 October 2023, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest Executive Principal, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest provided the following information on measures the school is taking to address vaping:
 - staff on playground duty monitor bathrooms within the expectations of playground duty, taking into consideration privacy in these spaces;
 - where it can be proven (balance of probability) that a student has vaped, the first offence results in detention and/or education on the topic. A second offence results in suspension; and
 - educational materials have been provided to parents via newsletter, as well as messaging to students on assemblies – in particular regarding individual's rights to use a bathroom safely.
- s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest advised that, on occasion at parent meetings, parent concerns had been raised regarding consequences for vaping and frustration of how easily vapes can be acquired.
- s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest has researched the possibility of installing vape detectors, but notes that the installation of these devices is not the preferred strategy although is continuing to investigate this option. The school will continue with an educative and supervision approach to address vaping.
- The school has recently signed up for a vaping research project titled, *A text message program to prevent youth vaping*, by Dr Courtney Barnes, Principal Researcher, University of Newcastle. More information is available at www.vapingpreventionstudy.com.
- The text message program has been developed with researchers, parent and teenagers, and aims to:
 - educate youth and parents on the harms of vaping;
 - provide social support;

- teach refusal skills; and
- facilitate conversation amongst families.

Contact Officer: Julia Douglas Senior School Operations Officer North Coast Region Ph: (07) 3203 9056	Approved by: Amy Walton Director Education Services North Coast Region Ph: s47(3)(b) - Date: 18/10/2023	Approved by: Janelle Reid Executive Director North Coast Region Ph: s47(3)(b) - Date: 18/10/2023	Approved by: Lyal Giles Regional Director North Coast Region Ph: (07) 3203 9021 Date: 20/10/2023
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s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public
Interest

Dear s47(3)(b)

Thank you for your email dated 8 October 2023 to the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, regarding vaping at s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

I am sorry to learn that you have been exposed to second-hand vape smoke in the school bathrooms. I acknowledge your concerns about vaping and how this exposure may affect s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest.

Queensland's smoking laws require that all public and private education facilities are smoke-free. Smoke-free education facilities are intended to protect all students, staff and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and vapour, prevent youth smoking uptake and assist smokers to reduce smoking or quit.

The Department of Education is aware that the prevalence of vaping in society generally is increasing, and as such, there are more young people who are engaging in this behaviour.

Student voice is highly valued by the department, and I would like to assure you that we are committed to making state schools safe and supportive places to learn. The safety and welfare of all students is of paramount importance and schools take any incidence of vaping seriously.

Schools, along with the community, have an important role to play in educating young people about the harmful effects of tobacco and other smoking products, including e-cigarettes.

Upon receipt of your email, I requested an officer from the department contact the school for information. s47(3)(b) - Principal, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest, has advised that staff on playground duty provide supervision and monitor for incidents of vaping.

Incidents of vaping are managed in accordance with the school's *Student Code of Conduct*. Educational materials have also been provided to parents via the school newsletter and spoken about on student assemblies.

The school will continue with an educative and supervision approach to address vaping and continue to investigate vape detectors. You may be interested to know that s47(3)(b) - recently signed up for a vaping research project through the University of Newcastle, which will be promoted in upcoming school newsletters. The research involves the testing of a text message program sent to parents and their child (aged 12 to 15 years) to prevent youth from taking up vapes. Further information about this project is available at www.vapingpreventionstudy.com.

If you would like to discuss your concerns further, I encourage you to contact your school Principal on (07) 5436 9388 or by email at principal@kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au.

Thank you again for raising this important matter with me. I wish you continuing success with your future endeavours, both academic and athletic.

Yours sincerely



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BROMLEY, Kira

From: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 October 2023 4:32 PM
To: Ministerial Correspondence
Cc: Education
Subject: M40561 *NRR* s47(3)(b) - re Lung Foundation Australia's Vaping resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples
Attachments: Choose vape free_newsletter and social media content.docx; Choose vape free tile.png

Minister Correspondence EDUCATION					
Action Required					
Minister's Office		Departmental		Timeframe	
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Information Classification:		Official			
Security Access Controls:		No			
Electorate:		N/A			
Related Record/s:		N/A			
Critical Date:		N/A			
NOTES (FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS):					
SSS and FNSP to note					
Requested by: Jasmine Winstanley 27/10/2023					
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Incoming Received	25/10/2023	Timeframe	
MO Reference	M40561	MP/Stakeholder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Department Ref:		Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Action Required			
Dot points (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Direct departmental response	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minister Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department officer to contact	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MO Comments:			



Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:01 AM

To: Education <education@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Vaping resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples - Lung Foundation Australia

Good Morning Minister,

As you know vaping is on the rise and we need to do more to protect the health of young people. Today, I am pleased to share with you **Lung Foundation Australia's new vaping resources for First Nations Young People.**

Together with the Tackling Indigenous Smoking team, Na Joomelah and National Best Practice Unit (NBPU), Lung Foundation Australia has developed three short animations and an accompanying fact sheet for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples. The animations and factsheet cover key topics in vaping and empower young people to choose vape free.

We appreciate your support in sharing these resources with your networks and communities. Attached is a promotional pack containing a social tile, copy and other content you are encouraged to use when promoting this resource – but please feel free to share however you wish. You can watch the animations and download the factsheet by visiting:

<https://lungfoundation.com.au/lung-health/protecting-your-lungs/e-cigarettes-and-vaping/first-nations/>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at advocacy@lungfoundation.com.au

Kindly,

s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest

Policy and Project Officer

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Choose vape free: vaping resources

Newsletter content

Lung Foundation Australia, in partnership with Na Joomelah and National Best Practice Unit (NBPU), have recently developed new resources to support and inform young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples about vaping. These resources, which include three short videos and fact sheets, outline the harms and impact of vaping and aims to empower young people to make informed choices about their health. To access the resources and share with your networks, visit Lung Foundation Australia's webpage via lungfoundation.com.au/Vapefree.

Social media content

Facebook/linkedin/instagram

- Vaping can harm our bodies, our environment and those around us. Check out @lungfoundation new resources, developed together with Na Joomelah and National Best Practice Unit, on vaping for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to learn more. You can make the right choice. Choose vape free. Visit lungfoundation.com.au/Vapefree.
- Did you know that waste from vapes pollute our land and waterways with toxic chemicals, heavy metals and microplastics? Access @lungfoundation new resources, developed together with Na Joomelah and National Best Practice Unit, for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to learn more about the environmental harms of vaping. Choose vape free for Country. Visit lungfoundation.com.au/Vapefree.
- Vapes have been found to contain over 200 toxic chemicals and flavourings which are dangerous to inhale – some of which are also found in cleaning products, paint and petrol. The second-hand aerosol from vapes can also be harmful to those around you. Learn more about the health harms of vaping by accessing the new resources from @lungfoundation, developed together with Na Joomelah and National Best Practice Unit, for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Choose vape free for you and me. Visit lungfoundation.com.au/Vapefree.

Twitter (X):

- Vaping can harm our bodies, environment & those around us. Check out @lungfoundation new vaping resources developed with Na Joomelah & National Best Practice Unit for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to learn more. Choose vape free. Visit lungfoundation.com.au/Vapefree.
- #DidYouKnow waste from #vapes pollute our land & waterways with toxic chemicals, heavy metals & microplastics? Access @lungfoundation new resources developed with Na Joomelah & National Best Practice Unit to learn more. Choose vape free for Country. Visit lungfoundation.com.au/Vapefree.
- Second-hand aerosol from vapes can also be harmful to those around you. Learn more in @lungfoundation new resources developed with Na Joomelah & National Best Practice Unit for

young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Choose vape free. Visit lungfoundation.com.au/Vapefree.

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BROMLEY, Kira

From: Reid Plehan <reid.plehan@premiers.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 10 July 2023 1:16 PM
To: DETE, Correspondence
Cc: DPC Education Team; Jake Bamford; Nathan Richardson
Subject: DPC Info Request - Correspondence regarding vaping in schools and mobile phone ban

Good afternoon MESU colleagues,

The Premier has recently received several pieces of correspondence regarding vaping in schools and the mobile phone ban.

To inform proposed responses to the relevant correspondents, could DoE please provide advice on the following:

- Any standard DoE responses regarding the ban on vaping in schools (correspondent pro ban).
- Any standard DoE responses regarding the recently announced mobile phone ban.
- Any currently available details on proposed implementation of the mobile phone ban, including exemption processes for applicable students.

If this information could be provided by **COB 18 July 2023**, that would be most appreciated.

Many thanks in advance and please let me know if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,
Reid Plehan.



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INFORMATION REQUEST

DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET

SUBJECT: VAPING IN SCHOOLS AND MOBILE PHONE BAN

Department of the Premier and Cabinet request:

- The Premier has recently received several pieces of correspondence regarding vaping in schools and the mobile phone ban.
- To inform proposed responses to the relevant correspondents, advice is required on the following:
 - any standard Department of Education (DoE) responses regarding the ban on vaping in schools (correspondent pro ban);
 - any standard departmental responses regarding the recently announced mobile phone ban; and
 - any currently available details on proposed implementation of the mobile phone ban, including exemption processes for applicable students.

Department of Education response:

Vaping in schools

- DoE acknowledges there has been an increase in the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products in recent years, including by young people. It is an issue DoE takes very seriously.
- DoE understands that being healthy, confident and resilient builds a strong foundation for engaging in student learning, which is why wellbeing is a key focus of DoE's *Equity and Excellence: realising the potential of every student* strategy.
- DoE welcomes the Health and Environment Committee's Inquiry: Vaping – an inquiry into reducing rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland (the Inquiry).
- The Inquiry will aim to ensure Queenslanders are better educated about the potential dangers associated with vaping, to encourage a continued decline in smoking rates.
- DoE is committed to continuing to explore proactive approaches to addressing vaping and has made a formal submission to the Queensland Parliament's Vaping Inquiry.
- DoE will consult about the implementation of any relevant recommendations from the Inquiry when the Committee releases its report later this year.
- At the 6 July 2023 Education Ministers' Meeting, Ministers agreed to work with Health Ministers on a national education campaign that focuses on educating young people on the harms posed by the marketing and use of e-cigarettes, and to involve students in the design of the campaign.

School actions and decision making

- Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes or vaping, is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for five metres beyond their boundaries.
- New legislation to strengthen tobacco laws and increase smoke-free places will make school car parks smoke-free, including those located on school land and adjacent non-school land from September 2023.
- Every Queensland state school is required to develop a *Student Code of Conduct*, which details property that students may not bring to school, such as tobacco and other smoking products, including e-cigarettes, and the consequences of breaching these rules.

- The use of suspension or exclusion to address vaping behaviours of students is only used as a last resort when other responses are considered insufficient to address the seriousness of the incident.
- Consultation with the Ministerial Student Advisory Council in April 2022 revealed the need for more educative and supportive approaches to address vaping behaviours.

Resources to educate students

- The critical work for schools is in the educative space, to empower young people to make healthy choices and prevent them from using these harmful products.
- Queensland state schools use a range of resources to educate students about the dangers of vaping, including those developed by organisations such as Cancer Council Queensland and the Lung Foundation Australia.
- In secondary schools, School Based Youth Health Nurses work with students and staff to highlight the risks associated with vaping. If it is impacting a child's schooling, parents may wish to talk to their child's teacher, principal or school support staff.
- Many schools opt to link with Dovetail, a drug and alcohol support service, that provides clinical advice and professional support to staff working with young people who vape.
- DoE's Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) education program is available to all Queensland schools for students in Years 7 to 12 and uses a harm-minimisation approach to support students to develop a greater awareness and understanding of the impacts of alcohol and other drug use.
- On 25 May 2022, the final Queensland Government Response to the Queensland Alcohol-related violence and Night Time Economy Monitoring (QUANTEM) Report was released, which supported the department's commissioning of a comprehensive, independent review of the Alcohol and Other Drugs education program.
- As a result, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) provided \$0.6 million over a two-year period to implement changes to the Alcohol and Other Drugs education program.
- The University of Queensland's National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research has recently been engaged to conduct the review as part of this funding.
- The outcomes of the review will inform a strengthened program to include:
 - teacher guidelines to specifically address vaping and e-cigarettes;
 - resources for students about the impacts of alcohol and other drug use, including vaping and e-cigarettes; and
 - resources to help students make responsible, safe and informed health decisions.
- The revised program will be available to all Queensland schools in early 2024.
- Information on the dangers of vaping and useful advice on the current legislation, behaviour expectations in line with the *Student Code of Conduct*, advice for schools, and resources were also included in the first issue of the department's Behaviour Bulletin, in January 2022.

Curriculum

- In Queensland, all state schools provide health and wellbeing education, either as part of the delivery of the Australian Curriculum or as part of the school's wellbeing program. This includes information relating to alcohol and other drug use, and student support to make sound decisions about their health, safety and wellbeing.
- While not specifically identifying e-cigarettes as a topic, the Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education focus area of Alcohol and Other Drugs supports students to make

decisions about their health, safety and wellbeing, and the impact that practices such as vaping can have on individuals, families and communities.

Mobile Phones in Schools

- The use of mobile phones and other student owned technology at school (for example, smartwatches and other wearable technology) continues to present challenges for principals, teachers, students and their families.
- Schools are committed to supporting students to understand the risks that can occur from inappropriate behaviours while using technology and mobile devices.
- On 6 July 2023, Education Ministers agreed on a national commitment to ban, restrict or manage the use of mobile phones and other personal electronic devices by students in government schools.
- This national commitment from Ministers provides stronger guidance for schools, families and the broader community on this issue. It also recognises the impact that mobile phone use can have on student learning and wellbeing.

Revised mobile phone policy for students

- On 6 July 2023, Minister Grace announced mobile phones and certain wearable devices, such as smartwatches, will be banned in all Queensland state schools during school hours from Term 1, 2024.
- Student phones will need to be 'away for the day' – including break times – building on the excellent work of principals and school leaders to date.
- Queensland state school principals and their communities are already working together to reduce the distraction of mobile phones and provide optimal learning environments for all their students.
- Extending the ban to break times is based on the initial advice of Ms Cheryl Vardon AO, former Queensland Family and Children's Commissioner, who is completing an independent review of Queensland's approach to mobile phones.
- This commitment will bring consistency across the nation with other states, such as New South Wales, also moving to ban the use of mobile phones during the school day from the start of Term 4, 2023.
- Under existing policy, more than 95% of state schools currently have policies that ban or restrict the use of mobile phones for students during the school day, and the majority of these include break times.

Implementation and exemptions

- Students will be permitted to bring phones to school so that they can contact their parents or carers immediately before or after school hours.
- DoE will work closely with schools over the coming months to develop guidance materials, resources and FAQs to ensure a smooth transition to the new policy from the beginning of the 2024 school year, taking into account approaches that best suit individual school contexts.
- For example, a small school in rural Queensland may require students to hand phones in to a nominated staff member, while larger schools may choose to use lockable pouches.
- Exemptions will be available for digital learning opportunities or in specific circumstances, including reasons related to disability, health and wellbeing. For example, students with a medical condition who require access to their phone or certain wearable technology as a medical device for monitoring and management of their condition.
- Exemptions will also be provided where the phone or wearable device is required as a reasonable adjustment for a student with disability or learning difficulties.

- Consultation with school staff and stakeholders will occur throughout Term 3, 2023, to help inform a detailed list of reasons for exemption and how and when these exemptions will be granted.

Review of mobile phones in Queensland state schools

- On 20 April 2023, Minister Grace announced the appointment of Ms Vardon to lead an independent review into student use of, and access to mobile phones in Queensland state schools.
- The review considered:
 - consultation with key stakeholders, such as principals, school staff, students, families, unions and principals' associations;
 - the University of Queensland's report, *Evaluation of responses to cyberbullying in Queensland schools*, commissioned by DoE in 2022, in response to recommendations from the Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce;
 - a survey sent to schools regarding their current policy on the use of mobile phones and personal devices; and
 - a review of recent research on student use of mobile phones and personal devices in schools.
- The final report is due to be provided to the department on 21 July 2023.
- Ms Vardon has provided early advice that she will present two core recommendations:
 - refreshed policy position to implement consistent statewide restrictions on student access to mobile phones during school hours; and
 - parent education campaign on digital literacy (e.g., letting kids focus on learning, cyberbullying risks, online gaming).

In confidence

- DoE is currently in contract negotiations with Griffith University to provide every secondary aged student in Queensland (including both state and non-state school students) access to the *Blurred Minds* online program.
- *Blurred Minds* is an online interactive learning program which includes 12 modules to educate students in a fun and engaging way about the risks associated with drug use, including specific modules about vaping.
- Pending finalisation of the contract, it is anticipated secondary aged students will have access to *Blurred Minds* resources from the commencement of Term 4, 2023.
- The Victorian Government currently supports schools in Victoria to access the *Blurred Minds* program.
- Providing a consistent, statewide approach to responding to a community-wide health concern, regardless of schooling sector, demonstrates Queensland's commitment to addressing the issue of young people vaping in the most thorough way.

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URGENT MINISTERIAL CAUCUS REQUEST

Template:	Ministerial Caucus Response Template – 15/450619
To:	Schools and Student Support
Subject:	Support packs provided to schools regarding Vaping
Time/date required:	4PM, Monday, 14 August 2023
Today's date:	Tuesday, 16 January 2024

CAUCUS REQUEST

Minister Grace's Office has been contacted by Ms Jonty Bush MP, Member for Cooper, Information provided by the Electorate Office:

Ms Bush is seeking a copy of the packs that have been provided to local schools regarding vaping. Including any additional support provided to schools regarding vaping.

- Please provide dot point information regarding this issue; and a copy of the packs that were provided to schools.

ANY INFORMATION THAT SHOULD NOT BE PASSED ON TO AN EXTERNAL PARTY SHOULD BE CONTAINED WITHIN A CONFIDENTIAL BOX.

The brief/dot points should include, without restricting it to, the following:

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2. Provide detailed information about any relevant contentious issues and suggested responses to those issues.
3. Provide only relevant background information that may assist understanding of any issues.

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The Honourable Grace MP
Minister for Education,
Minister for Industrial Relations and
Minister for Racing

MINISTERIAL CAUCUS LIAISON RESPONSE

Jonty Bush MP, Member for Cooper

SUBJECT: SUPPORT PACKS PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS REGARDING VAPING

- The Minister's Office has been contacted by Ms Jonty Bush MP, Member for Cooper, regarding a copy of packs that have been provided to local schools on vaping.
- The Department of Education has not developed any packs regarding vaping that have been distributed to Queensland state schools in the Cooper electorate.
- School-Based Youth Health Nurses (SBYHNs), which are funded and managed by Queensland Health's Hospital and Health Services (HHS), are able to provide advice and support to students about vaping.
- SBYHNs provide a preventative health service in Queensland state secondary schools.
- Children's Health Queensland (CHQ) HHS delivers SBYHN services in the department's Metropolitan North Region, which includes schools in the Cooper electorate.
- Officers in the department's Central Office have contacted relevant staff in CHQ HHS to inquire whether packs regarding vaping have been distributed to schools by SBYHNs in their area.
- CHQ HHS has advised:
 - while they cannot confirm whether packs regarding vaping have been distributed to schools by SBYHNs, they will further investigate; and
 - any questions about packs regarding vaping provided by SBYHNs can be directed to Ms Vicki Moore, Assistant Director of Nursing, Youth Health, Child and Youth Community Health Service, CHQ HHS at Vicki.Moore@health.qld.gov.au.
- The department has partnered with Griffith University and The University of Queensland (National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research (NCYSUR)) and Hypertheory to develop a range of resources entitled Blurred Minds to educate students about the dangers associated with alcohol, vaping and drugs. This resource will be available to all Queensland secondary students from Term 4 2023.
- NCYSUR also undertook a review of the department's Alcohol and Other Drugs Education Program with their findings delivered on 3 August 2023.
- The outcomes and recommendations of the review are being be considered by the department and will result in a strengthened program to include a range of resources for teachers including resources on the specific topics of vaping and e-cigarettes.
- Queensland schools will be able to access this resource from early 2024.
- Queensland state schools are required to provide health and wellbeing education, as part of the Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education (AC:HPE) or as part of the school's wellbeing programs.
- Alcohol and other drugs education is required learning of the AC:HPE, of which vaping is a potential context for learning.

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SUBJECT: PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INQUIRY INTO VAPING

Update on Department of Education (DoE) recommendations

Recommendation 5: *The committee recommends that the Department of Education assess the adequacy of the current vaping education resources for schools and supplement them where required to ensure that Queensland's schools have access to a package of high-quality, evidence-informed, age-appropriate teaching resources, as well as access to professional training to assist in delivering the program effectively*

- In collaboration with the University of Queensland's National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research, DoE has conducted a review of the department's Alcohol and Other Drugs Education program, with 14 recommendations to be implemented in 2023/24 resulting in a strengthened program to include:
 - teacher guidelines to specifically address vaping and e-cigarettes;
 - resources for students about the impacts of alcohol and other drug use, including vaping and e-cigarettes; and
 - resources to help students make responsible, safe and informed health decisions.
- The strengthened program will be available to Queensland schools in early 2024 and will be supported with a professional development strategy.

Recommendation 6: *The committee recommends that the Department of Education and Queensland Health prepare guidelines for all Queensland schools on interventions, such as interactive online courses, that can be used as an educative alternative for students found vaping or with vaping products, rather than pursuing punitive outcomes such as suspension.*

- The Student Code of Conduct template and guidance materials are currently under review and will incorporate new guidance suggesting diversionary approaches as first response to vaping behaviours.
- DoE has partnered with Griffith University to provide access to all Queensland secondary school students with access to Blurred Minds, an online interactive program on vaping, alcohol and other drugs to support student wellbeing and engagement.
- The Blurred Minds program will be made available to schools via a staged roll-out, commencing in Term 4, 2023.

Recommendation 7: *The committee recommends that the Department of Education and Queensland Health prepare guidelines for all Queensland schools for identifying and supporting students who are nicotine dependent, including the use of support services and referrals to help students to quit vaping.*

- DoE has commenced work with Queensland Health to support this recommendation.
- It is envisaged Queensland Health will provide the expertise around how best to identify students that are nicotine dependent and also identify appropriate services to refer students to for support for nicotine dependence.
- The department provides a range of specialist support staff, including guidance officers, psychologists and social workers and School Based Youth Health Nurses to provide direct support to students. These staff are well-placed to support students who school staff have identified may be nicotine dependent, including referring students to external support services.
- When required, School Based Youth Health Nurses also link with Dovetail, a drug and alcohol support service that provides clinical advice and professional support to staff working with young people affected by alcohol and other drug use, including vaping.

- In August 2023, the Health and Environmental Committee released the Vaping: An inquiry into reducing rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland report (the report).
- The report made a total of 14 recommendations for consideration by Queensland Government.
- The Department of Education is named as lead or co-lead for three recommendations (recommendations 5, 6 and 7).

Summary of Recommendations

Number	Recommendation
1	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government investigate establishing a joint task force involving Queensland and Commonwealth agencies with the primary objective of ending the illegal retail supply of e-cigarettes, including online, especially to people under the age of 18.
2	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government fund on-going research and data collection to obtain evidence of e-cigarette use in Queensland, to support the development of targeted preventive activities, programs, and support services.
3	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government fund on-going research, undertaken in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, into e-cigarette use by Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
4	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government cooperate with the Australian Government and all state and territory governments, in a national health campaign to inform the public of the facts about the potential risks of using e-cigarettes.
5	The committee recommends that the Department of Education assess the adequacy of the current vaping education resources for schools and supplement them where required to ensure that Queensland's schools have access to a package of high-quality, evidence, informed, age-appropriate teaching resources, as well as access to professional training to assist in delivering the program effectively.
6	The committee recommends that the Department of Education and Queensland Health prepare guidelines for all Queensland schools on interventions, such as interactive online courses, that can be used as an educative alternative for students found vaping or with vaping products, rather than pursuing punitive outcomes such as suspension.
7	The committee recommends that the Department of Education and Queensland Health prepare guidelines for all Queensland schools for identifying and supporting students who are nicotine dependent, including the use of support services and referrals to help students to quit vaping.
8	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government support the implementation of measures, as proposed by the Australian Government, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stop the importation of non-prescription e-cigarettes • increase the minimum quality standards for e-cigarettes including by restricting flavours, colours, and other ingredients • require pharmaceutical-like packaging • reduce allowed nicotine concentrations and volumes • ban all single use, disposable e-cigarettes • end the sale of e-cigarettes in retail settings, such as convenience stores and other retailers • make it easier to get a prescription for legitimate therapeutic use of e-cigarettes.
9	The committee recommends that Queensland Health assess the availability and capacity of services to support people to quit e-cigarettes and consider additional resourcing for these services, as required, so that vaping support is available in a variety of contexts and through a range of providers.
10	The committee recommends that Queensland Health collaborate with health departments in other Australian jurisdictions and Quit Victoria to facilitate the development of a specialised service to provide tailored support to young people who want to stop vaping.
11	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government consider extending the capacity of the Quitline service in Queensland, including to provide for engagement of additional counsellors with youth experience.
12	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government consider a program to supply Nicotine Replacement Therapy at reduced cost to people who want to quit tobacco products or e-cigarettes.
13	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government assess workforce requirements and assign necessary resources to support compliance monitoring and enforcement activities relating to e-cigarettes under the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998 and the Medicines and Poisons Act 2019.
14	The committee recommends that the Queensland Government investigate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the feasibility of introducing a return and recycling scheme for vaping products • the introduction of product design requirements that would facilitate recycling and/or safe disposal of e-cigarettes and their batteries

Briefing Note

The Honourable Grace Grace MP
Minister for Education
Minister for Industrial Relations and
Minister for Racing

Action required: For Noting

Action required by: 3 July 2023

Urgent

SUBJECT: ACCESS TO BLURRED MINDS VAPING ONLINE RESOURCES TO ALL QUEENSLAND SECONDARY STUDENTS

Summary of key objectives

- For the Minister note the Department of Education's (DoE) decision to purchase a three-year master licence to enable students in all Queensland secondary schools access to Griffith University's *Blurred Minds*, an online interactive program on vaping, alcohol and other drugs.

Strategic alignment

- Providing all Queensland secondary students (state and non-state) access to the *Blurred Minds* online vaping modules will support the Queensland Government's commitment to reducing the rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland, and DoE's *Equity and Excellence: realising the potential of every student* strategy by supporting student wellbeing and engagement to establish a strong foundation for learning outcomes.
- Engaging Griffith University also supports the Queensland Government's Procurement strategy by supporting local business.

Key issues

- Blurred Minds* is a Social Enterprise that is housed within Griffith University and has partnered with the University of Queensland (National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research) and Hypertheory to develop resources to educate students about the dangers associated with alcohol, vaping and other drugs.
- Following an online scan of readily available resources that can be completed by students as self-paced modules, *Blurred Minds* was identified as the most fit-for-purpose product, with other similar products hosted offshore or taking the form of lesson plans or resources designed to be delivered by teachers.
- Included in the *Blurred Minds* resources are 12 curriculum mapped online modules, which could be used by Queensland secondary schools to address the underlying behaviours associated with drug use, including specific modules about vaping.
- The online interactive resources are evidence-based and reportedly used Australia-wide, including by the Victorian Government that supports schools in Victoria to access *Blurred Minds* modules.
- Providing a consistent, statewide approach to responding to a community-wide health concern, regardless of which schooling sector students are enrolled in, demonstrates Queensland's commitment to addressing the issue of young people vaping in the most thorough way.

Media implications and opportunities

8. There is significant media attention on vaping in schools and the use of school disciplinary absences. This initiative could present an opportunity for DoE and the Queensland Government to demonstrate a strong commitment to educating students about vaping.

Financial implications

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**Legal implications**

14. Legal Services will be engaged to support the development of the contract.

Human rights

15. No human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* are limited by this matter.

Background

16. On 14 March 2023, the Legislative Assembly agreed to a motion that the Health and Environment Committee inquire into, and report on, reducing rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland.
17. The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry include:
 - approaches being taken in Queensland schools and other settings relevant to children and young people to discourage uptake and use of e-cigarettes; and
 - opportunities to increase awareness of the harmful effects of e-cigarette use (with and without nicotine) to an individual's health, and the effectiveness of preventative activities.
18. DoE's Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) education program is available to all Queensland schools for students in Years 7 to 12. While vaping is not specifically referenced in the current version of the program, due to its year of production, the revised program will include extensive content and learning opportunities for students.

19. In collaboration with the University of Queensland's National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research, DoE is conducting a review of the AOD education program, which will subsequently be strengthened using evidence-based best practice and will include the specific topics of vaping and e-cigarettes. The strengthened program will be available to Queensland schools in early 2024.
20. There is an opportunity to include the *Blurred Minds* resources in the strengthened AOD education program.
21. There is an opportunity to announce this partnership with Griffith University and to highlight that this resource will be shared with all Queensland high schools as part of strengthening the education of young people across Queensland.

Recommendation

That the Minister **note** the Department of Education's decision to purchase a three-year master licence to enable students in all Queensland secondary schools access to Griffith University's *Blurred Minds*, an online interactive program on vaping, alcohol and other drugs.

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Kind regards,



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Subject: Urgent - Indooroopilly State School Infrastructure and EMP

Dear Minister Grace

Please find the attached correspondence sent on behalf of Indooroopilly State School - School Council.

We request your urgent attention to these matters.

With regards

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School Council, **s47(3)**

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August 2023

Dear Minister Grace

Indooroopilly State School (ISS) – Child Safety & Infrastructure Planning

ISS has experienced unabated growth in its population over the past ten years, taking the school population from 868 in 2013, to the current 1455. The increase in numbers has been particularly exacerbated by the growing catchment population attributable to the large number of multi-dwelling properties developed in the catchment over the same period.

While the 2023 Day 8 data indicated student enrolment to be within the Education Queensland Enrolment Management Plan of 1420, the rapid growth of in year enrolments (currently at 1455) makes the current and proposed temporary infrastructure untenable. Specifically, between the period of March 2024 – August 2025 during the new build process we will encounter a loss of three classrooms plus office space.

Our attempts to manage this situation at a local level have included:

- Regular meetings with Regional Directors – since 2014 we have met with several Regional Directors to raise these concerns
- Stringent School Enrolment Management Plan
- Adopting non-traditional approach to break times to prevent overcrowding in contained play spaces
- Altered school pick up arrangements to prevent overcrowding in local streets and footpaths
- Temporarily limiting Out of Hours School Care (OHSC) to 3 days per week per family in an effort to relieve enrolment pressure

The proposed western suburb school provided the promise of some relief to our concerns as it would have significantly eased our compounding pressures. We are now in a position where the planned school has been scrapped, we will imminently surpass our current classroom capacity and our proposed new classroom and administration development faces continual red tape delays.

The ISS School Council now holds grave concerns both for the health and safety of our school community (especially during the period of the build of our new classroom and administration building) and for the school's ongoing ability to maintain its high standards of education.

The ongoing reactive management approach of Education Queensland has left us not only with a shortage of physical classrooms and diverse learning areas but also with a severely compromised music program, outdoor learning/play space and OHSC capacity.

We appreciate the recent changes to school catchment boundaries goes some way to easing the pressure we face. However, these changes alone will not see a significant impact on enrolment trends for several years – our current infrastructure does not afford us this luxury.

The Indooroopilly School community requests your urgent attention to the need for proactive planning for future growth. We request an urgent reply from your team regarding your plans to manage overcrowding issues and poor long term infrastructure planning at ISS. Solutions that have been discussed by the ISS School Council and are proposed for your consideration are:

- Changes to enrolment policy:
 - Students who move out of catchment become ineligible to attend the school
 - Siblings who reside out of catchment are not eligible for automatic enrolment
- Additional Resources
 - Education Queensland allocate resourcing (by way of additional funded staff) to allow for the use of local council facilities as supervised play space
- A review of the existing School Master Plan and the capacity to allow for continual redevelopment of the existing infrastructure to be proactive in capacity building

A considered response and urgent plan for this situation will ensure the health and safety of our community is not compromised further.

Yours sincerely

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The Minister's emails are regularly monitored. If you are sending an email outside of business hours, please be assured it will be reviewed promptly on the next business day.

Again, thank you for contacting Minister Grace.

Kind regards



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CORRESPONDENCE DOT POINTS

SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND CHILD SAFETY AT INDOOROOPILLY STATE SCHOOL

- On 4 August 2023, s47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest Indooroopilly State School (SS) School Council, wrote to the Minister regarding infrastructure planning at the school.
- s47(3)(b) - raised concerns regarding enrolment growth at the school, the use of temporary classrooms during construction of new permanent school buildings, the lack of relief from the new school in the inner west, and potential impacts on the health and safety of the school community and standards of education.
- s47(3)(b) - states that the Indooroopilly SS School Council suggests changes to the school's enrolment policy, the use of local council facilities and a review of the school's Master Plan.
- On 18 August 2023, regional staff from the Department of Education met with s47(3)(b) - and Ms Deb Spanner, Principal, Indooroopilly SS, to discuss the issues raised.

Enrolment Growth

- As at the February 2023 census, Indooroopilly SS had 1387 enrolments, with built capacity for 1606 students.
- The school experienced strong enrolment growth of 46% over the five years between 2016 and 2021, growing from 928 to 1355 students.
- Growth has slowed over the last two years, with enrolments in February 2023 only 32 above those in 2021 (2% growth, from 1355 to 1387 students). In her letter, s47(3)(b) - has noted that as at August 2023, the enrolment figure is 1455.
- The Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO) projects the Resident Student Number in the Indooroopilly SS catchment will decline from the current 1463 to just below 1400 by 2041.
- To meet student and staff growth at the school, the department has approved funding of approximately \$26.8 million (including GST) to deliver a new administration and learning centre, and refurbish the existing administration building.
- The building will include:
 - 10 classrooms;
 - corporate services;
 - staff workrooms;
 - offices;
 - student services;
 - staff and student amenities;
 - an open undercroft for shaded play space (and future infill if required); and
 - car parking.

- The refurbishment of the school's existing administration building will include an instrumental music learning space, an ensemble practice room, a small practice room and student amenities.
- To facilitate the site for the new building, three aged teaching spaces were required to be demolished at the school.
- Temporary classrooms may also be required during construction of the new building.
- The new building has a forecast practical completion date of late October 2025.

Catchment boundary changes

- To further reduce enrolment pressure at Indooroopilly SS, minor catchment boundary changes will be implemented from 2024. The boundary changes are expected to reduce enrolment pressure.

Inner west relief school

- A new state school is being planned for Brisbane's inner west for Prep to Year 6 students.
- Unprecedented flooding in 2022 and community consultation resulted in the planned location of the former Toowong Bowls Club site no longer being suitable for a new school.
- Stabilising enrolments in Brisbane's inner west mean a new state school is not required as soon as originally anticipated.
- The department will review the detailed business case to determine when and where a new state school should be built. While this work is underway, the school community at Indooroopilly SS will benefit from new and upgraded facilities.

Enrolment policy

- Since 2007, Indooroopilly SS has operated under a School Enrolment Management Plan (School EMP).
- School EMPs are implemented in schools which are nearing their student enrolment capacity to ensure students living within the school's catchment area, or those meeting specific criteria, are able to enrol.
- A student's eligibility to enrol at a school which operates under a School EMP is determined at the time of application. All students whose principal place of residence is within the school's relevant catchment area are entitled to enrol at the school, subject to the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*.
- Schools are unable to cancel an enrolment due to a change in a student's principal place of residence once the enrolment has been accepted and the student is attending the school.
- Under the School EMP procedure, provision is made for students who meet specific criteria to be entitled to enrol at the school as if in-catchment, even though they may reside outside the school's catchment. This includes siblings of current students at a school who reside outside of the catchment area, as well as other provisions such as students subject to child protection and students with disability to access their closest specific disability program.
- These provisions are made due to a combination of legislative requirements and with the intent of keeping families together.

Shared use of council facilities

- Indooroopilly SS utilises the George Watt Oval on Moore Park Recreation Reserve for some curriculum and sports activities. The school and department are negotiating with the Indooroopilly Districts Cricket Club to extend use of the oval for lunchtime play.
- The school would also benefit from using another section of Moore Park for nature play. The department will seek support from the Brisbane City Council to develop this area to ensure more intensive use of this area is sustainable.

School Master Plan

- The Master Plan for Indooroopilly SS was completed in June 2018 as part of the Queensland Government's Building Future Schools Program.
- The new multi-storey learning centre completed in 2020, and the current building under construction, were outlined in the school's Master Plan.

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Dear s47(3)(b) -
Contrary to

Thank you for your email dated 4 August 2023 to the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, regarding infrastructure planning at Indooroopilly State School. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf, and I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring all students have access to high-quality learning opportunities in their local communities.

Upon receipt of your correspondence, I requested an officer from the Department of Education contact you to discuss your concerns. I understand that you met with departmental officers on 18 August 2023. I trust this meeting was of assistance and provided you with the reassurance that the department is working to meet student and staff growth at Indooroopilly State School.

The department actively monitors schools experiencing enrolment growth, and works with school communities to ensure that infrastructure needs are met as part of the school's planning processes.

As part of this planning, the department utilises data from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO) to monitor population trends and future enrolment growth. QGSO projects that the in-catchment student population for Indooroopilly State School will ease slightly from the current 1463, to just below 1400 by 2041.

As you may be aware, the Master Plan for Indooroopilly State School was completed as part of the Building Future Schools Program in June 2018. Master Plans are high level concept documents used to support future planning for schools. Although a Master Plan may identify proposed future stages, the delivery of required infrastructure may be adapted to suit emergent needs. The infrastructure needs are reviewed annually based on updated data, including enrolments.

I can advise that as at February 2023, Indooroopilly State School had 1387 enrolments, with built capacity for 1606 students. While the school experienced growth of more than 400 students over the five years to 2021, enrolment growth has eased in the last two years, with February 2023 enrolments being only 32 greater than those in February 2021.

To address this enrolment growth, the Queensland Government has committed approximately \$26.8 million (including GST) to construct a new administration and learning centre, and refurbish the existing administration building at Indooroopilly State School. The new building, which is expected to open in late 2025, will include 10 classrooms, corporate services, staff workrooms, offices, student services, staff and student amenities, an open undercroft for shaded play space (and future infill, if required) and car parking.

The refurbishment of the school's existing administration building will include an instrumental music learning space, an ensemble practice room, a small practice room and student amenities.

To facilitate the site for the new building, three aged teaching spaces were required to be demolished at the school, and temporary classrooms may also be required during construction of the new building.

While a new state primary school is still being planned for Brisbane's inner west, stabilising enrolments in the area, including at Indooroopilly State School, mean the new school is not required as soon as originally anticipated. The department will review the detailed business case to determine when and where a new state school should be built. While this work is underway, the school community at Indooroopilly State School will benefit from the new facilities outlined above.

In relation to changes to enrolment policy, I can advise that Indooroopilly State School operates under a School Enrolment Management Plan (School EMP). School EMPs are implemented in schools nearing their enrolment capacity to prioritise enrolment places for students living within the school's catchment area or those meeting specific criteria.

Under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (the Act), any student whose principal place of residence is within the school's catchment area at the time of application is eligible for enrolment at the school. There is no provision under the Act or the School EMP for a student who is enrolled and attending to have their enrolment cancelled due to a change in their principal place of residence.

The School EMP procedure provides that students who meet specific criteria, including siblings of current students who reside outside of the catchment area, are entitled to enrol at the school as if they were in-catchment. Furthermore, the intent behind automatic sibling eligibility is to keep families together in one school and also to make school drop offs easy for parents.

I understand Indooroopilly State School currently uses the George Watt Oval on Moore Park recreation reserve for curriculum and sporting activities. The department is negotiating with the Indooroopilly Districts Cricket Club to increase usage for lunchtime play.

Please be assured the department will continue to monitor enrolments and the student population in the Indooroopilly area.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Ms Emma McGregor, Director, Service Planning, Infrastructure Services Division, by email at ServicePlanning@ged.qld.gov.au.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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