



## Gawler & District College B-12

# Aerosols and Sprays Policy

### Rationale

Many students and staff at Gawler & District College B-12 suffer from asthma, and a number suffer from severe allergies and anaphylaxis. Aerosols, sprays and perfumes can act as triggers for people who suffer from these conditions, resulting in symptoms such as asthma attacks, headaches, including migraines, and in extreme cases, anaphylactic shock. In addition, aerosols can be dangerous as they contain flammable liquids and can also cause harm if inhaled.

For these reasons, **aerosols and sprays are banned from school premises** and all excursions, after school activities and sporting events.

### Student and Staff Responsibilities

Students are encouraged to observe good hygiene practices including showering regularly, wearing clean uniform and applying deodorant before attending school. **Roll-on and stick deodorants are permitted for use at school.**

Students and staff are also encouraged not to wear strong scented deodorants, perfumes or colognes.

If students and/or staff are affected by aerosols or sprays they should seek medical assistance at student services and the Principal will be notified if an ambulance has been called.

### Confiscation of aerosols and spray/perfume bottles

For safety reasons, if a teacher is aware that a student has an aerosol or spray bottle in their possession, the following procedure will occur:

1. The teacher will request that the student hand them the aerosol or spray bottle. If a student refuses to hand over the aerosol or spray bottle, the teacher will follow school disciplinary procedures.
2. The teacher will secure the aerosol or spray, at the first available opportunity, writing the student's name and year level details on an attached note. The teacher will also create a record in DayMap for the incident.
3. The teacher will notify the student's parent/guardian of the incident by phone call or letter.
4. Students can collect their aerosol or spray bottle from the teacher after school.

### Action if Aerosols, Sprays and Perfumes are used

Use of an aerosol, spray or perfume can cause injury to others and may result in disciplinary action or suspension.

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