



Health & Safety Awareness

No Aerosol Deodorant Procedure

Some members of the Hay War Memorial High School community suffer severe allergies to aerosol deodorant sprays or perfumes that can act as a trigger to an asthma attack or bring on a severe migraine in a sensitive individual.

The allergy can be sufficiently serious to put an individual into anaphylactic shock if an aerosol spray of this kind has been used anywhere in their vicinity. This can be a life threatening situation, resulting in the individual being transported to hospital in an ambulance. For others, it may result in time off sick as they recover from the debilitating effects of a migraine.

In creating a Health & Safety friendly school, everyone needs to be aware of their own:

- Right to a safe learning environment
- Responsibility for the health and safety of others in their shared spaces.

Therefore, in alignment with the NSW Department of Education Health & Safety Management program, and to provide a safe learning environment at Hay War Memorial High School:

- Aerosol deodorants are banned from school premises and all school events where students will be in confined spaces.
- Students are encouraged to follow correct hygiene procedures by applying deodorant at home. A good deodorant will last all day if applied to clean skin.
- Roll-on and stick deodorants are permitted at school when being used in a confined space.
- Teachers have been asked to confiscate any aerosol products they see at school being used in a confined space and bring them to their Faculty Head Teacher.
- Parents/carers will be informed by the Faculty Head Teacher or the Playground Duty Head Teacher (if incident occurs during the break times) via a phone call or text message that the products have been confiscated and that they can call into the school Front Office to collect them
- Further infringements and/or refusal of the teacher's reasonable instruction will be managed with the HWMHS Student Behaviour Management Plan.

We encourage parents/carers to work with the school staff of the implementation of this procedure.