## MOE's and School's Stand on Vaping

- MOE and schools take a <u>"zero tolerance"</u> stance on vaping.
- Once caught, we will take action. The school-based disciplinary measures will be in addition to the penalties that the Health Sciences Authority will impose.
- As schools, we have a <u>fundamental responsibility to develop character and</u> <u>instil values in our students</u>.
  - The disciplinary measures send a strong signal that vaping is a serious offence in our school and ensure that students do not vape.
  - We will provide support to help you understand the serious health risks of vaping and make better choices to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

# School-Based Consequences for Vaping Offences

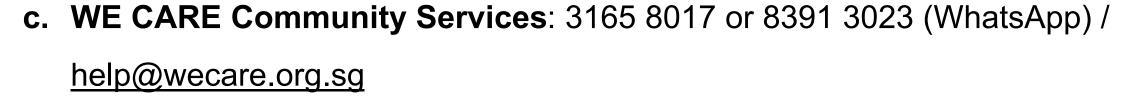
<u>Baseline</u>	<u>Vaping</u>	<u>Vaping with Etomidate</u>
First-time offenders	<ul> <li>1 to 3 days of detention <u>and/or</u> suspension; <u>and/or</u></li> <li>1 stroke of the cane (for boys only, with aggravating factors)</li> <li><u>AND</u> conduct grade adjustment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3 to 5 days of detention <u>and/or</u> suspension; <u>and/or</u></li> <li>Up to <u>2 strokes of the cane</u> (for boys only)</li> <li><u>AND</u> conduct grade adjustment (no better than 'Fair')</li> </ul>
Second-time offenders	<ul> <li>3 to 5 days of detention <u>and/or</u> suspension; <u>and/or</u></li> <li>Up to 2 strokes of the cane (for boys only)</li> <li><u>AND</u> conduct grade adjustment (no better than 'Fair')</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>5 to 14 days of detention <u>and/or</u> suspension; <u>and/or</u></li> <li>Up to <u>3 strokes of the cane</u> (for boys only)</li> <li><u>AND</u> conduct grade adjustment ('Poor')</li> </ul>
Subsequent offenders	<ul> <li>5 to 14 days of detention <u>and/or</u> suspension; <u>and/or</u></li> <li>Up to 3 strokes of the cane (for boys only)</li> <li><u>AND</u> conduct grade adjustment ('Poor')</li> </ul>	

#### Notes:

- a. The school-based disciplinary actions will be meted out in addition to the national penalties imposed by HSA.
- b. Students caught selling and trafficking of e-vaporisers may be considered for **additional school-based consequences**, including expulsion (for secondary schools and JCs/MI).

### **Support Hotlines**

- If you want to quit vaping but need support, **help is available**:
  - a. Health Promotion Board (HPB)'s QuitLine: 1800 438 2000
  - b. National Addictions Management Services: 6389 2200
    / https://for.sg/nams-appointment-form



- d. Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association: 6732 1122 / sana@sana.org.sg
- e. Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities: 6337 1201 / tsd.referral@thkmc.org.sg
- f. Fei Yue Community Services: https://fycs.org/contact/

# What can you do as supportive peer and responsible citizen?

- If you know a friend or family member who is vaping, ask them to seek help and refer them to a teacher/School Counsellor. Remember that doing so is showing care and concern for their health and wellbeing.
- If someone attempts to sell or give you a vape, <u>report them to your teacher, call</u> the HSA hotline (6684 2036 or 6684 2037) or report them online at <u>www.go.gov.sg/reportvape</u>.
- If you encounter someone who appears to be in a "zombie" state, <u>do not approach them</u>. <u>Inform an adult or service staff</u> (e.g., if at a mall or on public transport), so that they can get medical attention for the person.