

Brigidine College St Ives

Drugs – Student Policy Policy Reference/Version – 1014-1

Policy

Illegal Drugs

The College must be a place free of illegal drugs. Illegal substances are not permitted on the school premises or at school sanctioned events.

Alcohol

Alcohol must not be consumed on or brought to school premises during school hours. This includes employees, students and visitors and other people who use the school premises. If alcohol is served at any school function or within the school outside school hours, prior permission must be obtained from the Principal. Any use of alcohol is subject to the laws and regulations regarding the supply, serving and consumption of alcohol. This will include the presence of at least one person who has their RSA certification.

Tobacco

Smoking on school premises including school buildings, gardens, sports fields and car parks is prohibited, and at school sanctioned events, on or off site.

Over-the-counter and prescribed medications

The supplying of a restricted substance is prohibited.

Inhalants/solvents

The misuse of an inhalant or solvent will be managed as a student conduct issue. School use of products containing solvents must be strictly supervised by school staff and limited whenever possible.

Definition

“A drug is any substance which, when taken into the body, alters its physical or psychological function excluding food, water or air”. *World Health Organisation*.

Purpose

To ensure that staff and students are safe and supported

Guiding Principles

- the College will fulfil its duty of care to students through educating them on the harmful effects of substance misuse and abuse
- this policy will be read in the context of the Student Wellbeing Policy
- the College supports the Catholic worldview which affirms every individual is made in the image of God thus encouraging stewardship of creation.
- the College seeks to transform the individual by offering each student opportunities to experience affirmation.
- the College aims to promote positive wellbeing, prevention through drug education and intervention where and when appropriate
- contravention of this policy will be dealt with according to the principles laid out in the Suspension and Expulsion Policy.

Related Documents

- Health Care 1017-1
- First Aid 1016-1
- Administration of Medication 1001-1
- Suspension and Discipline Policy
- Student Code of Conduct

Person Responsible

Deputy Principal Faith and Wellbeing

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