

# **Alcohol and Drug Policy**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

"Catholic teaching on the human person declares that humans are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore demand a dignity that is beyond all creatures. The abuse of drugs contributes to the destruction of the integrity of the human person and therefore is an affront to God. John Paul II says that drugs "tend to enslave the person, assail his dignity and lead to a lack of freedom."

(CEODoW Drug Education Policy and Guidelines).

## **GUIDELINES**

1. Staff are encouraged to participate in appropriate professional development about drug and alcohol awareness.
2. Parents are encouraged to attend drug and alcohol awareness meetings.
3. A cross curriculum approach of drug and alcohol education for students is utilised, when appropriate, even though it is primarily taught in the PDHPE curriculum area.
4. The responses to the following drug and alcohol related incidents in the College are:
  - a. *Analgesics, other non-prescription and prescription drugs:* Students who need to take analgesics, other non-prescription and prescription drugs are asked to carry a letter from their parents stating the dose to be taken. These analgesics and other non-prescription and prescription drugs are to be stored and taken in sick bay under strict supervision.
  - b. *Solvents and Propellants:* All school personnel are responsible for the correct storage of all substances that may be harmful. The use of Liquid Paper is confined to staff, and students are not permitted to bring it to school.
  - c. *Smoking and E-Cigarettes:* Students are not permitted to smoke or vape on College grounds, at any College function or camp, retreat or excursions, or whilst on their way to and from the College.
  - d. *Alcohol:* No students are allowed to have in their possession or to consume alcohol whilst under the care of the College. Parents will immediately be informed if alcohol is found in a student's possession, or if a student is under the influence of alcohol.
  - e. *Illegal Drugs:* Zero tolerance will apply for all illegal drugs on College premises. No students are allowed to have in their possession or consume any illegal drug whilst under the care of the College. Parents will immediately be informed if any illegal drug is found in a student's possession, or if a student is under the influence of taking the illegal substance, and the police notified. Students will be immediately suspended and Family & Community Services will be notified where mandatory.

## **BASIS OF DISCRETION**

Disciplinary action undertaken where a student violates the College's Alcohol and Drug Policy, is at the discretion of the Principal and may range from Suspension to Exclusion.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

- CEODoW - Drug Education Policy and Guidelines
- SBCC - Smoking and E-Cigarette Policy
- SBCC - Dispensing Medication Policy
- CEODoW - Suspension, Expulsion and Exclusion of Students Policy



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## **POLICY RELEASE DETAILS**

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**Approved by** Michael Hanratty

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