ANTI-DRUG POLICY

Rationale
“Catholic teaching on the human person declares that human 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.””

(CEO Drug Education Policy and Guidelines).

Guidelines
1. Staff are encouraged to participate in appropriate professional development about drugs awareness.
2. Parents are encouraged to attend drug awareness meetings.
3. A cross curriculum approach of drug 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 related incidents in the school are:
   • **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.
   • **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.
   • **Tobacco:** No students are allowed to have in their possession or to consume tobacco whilst under the care of the school.
   • **Alcohol:** No students are allowed to have in their possession or to consume alcohol whilst under the care of the school. Parents will immediately be informed if alcohol is found in a student’s possession, or if a student is under the influence of alcohol.
   • **Illegal Drugs:** Zero tolerance will apply for all illegal drugs on school premises. No students are allowed to have in their possession or consume any illegal drug whilst under the care of the school. Parents will immediately be informed if any illegal drug is found in student’s possession, or if a student is under the influence of the illegal substance and the police notified. Students will be immediately suspended and Community Services notified where appropriate.

Basis of Discretion
Disciplinary action undertaken where a student violates the school’s Drug Policy, is at the discretion of the Principal and may range from Suspension to Exclusion.

Supporting Documents
• The Catholic Education Office Drug Policy
• Smoking Policy
• Procedures for dispensing medication (Staff Directory)
• Diocesan Suspension and Exclusion Policy

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed in 2013 by the policy group.

Date of Implementation
Principal …………………………………… Date …………………