



Girrawheen Senior High School

DRUGS POLICY

POLICY RATIONALE:

Girrawheen SHS aims to promote the physical, social and emotional health and welfare of students, including their legal wellbeing.

Alcohol, tobacco, solvents and prohibited substances such as cannabis or restricted drugs, other than those medically prescribed are not to be used by or to be in the possession of individuals on school property. This also includes the possession of drug-related equipment.

POLICY RULES:

A breach of school discipline committed by an intoxicated student must be dealt with only after the safety and wellbeing of the student has been secured.

Student intoxication on school site or at off-site school activities is unacceptable.

Drug and alcohol use by students will be responded to through health and education frameworks and the school behaviour plan.

It is the responsibility of the principal or the nominee to report relevant matters to the police.

With regard to students whilst on school premises and at school functions, a student is not permitted to:

- Smoke and/or possess tobacco products
- Consume and/or possess alcohol
- Deliberately inhale volatile substances (solvents)
- Possess and/or use pharmaceutical drugs for non-medical purposes
- Possess and/or use illegal drugs
- Possess and/or use drug related equipment
- Possess excessive amounts of illegal drugs
- Demonstrate physical and/or psychological effects of drug use

PROCESS – RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS OF DRUG USE

The procedures outlined below have the emotional, physical health and welfare of students of our school as a priority.

Each instance will be considered individually and independently according to the set of circumstances at the time. Wherever possible the health and welfare of the individual student involved will be considered in the context of the school environment and its support services. In each instance, the Principal and the CARE Team will determine which support services are to be called upon, who is to be informed, and any sanctions imposed.

The procedures and processes of sanctions follow the school's Behaviour Management Policy. Incidents relating to drugs is considered to be a serious offence and as such the consequence is direct referral to the Deputy Principal.

1. The Deputy Principal will interview the student/s.
2. The student may be suspended
3. Parents/carers will be informed.
4. The police may be contacted in cases of prohibited substances being possessed, used or sold.
5. Prohibited drugs and any related equipment will be confiscated
6. Students will lose their good standing
7. Information around counselling services will be provided to student and parents/carers.

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