

# Substance Abuse/ Drug/ Possession of Illicit Substances Policy

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#### Definitions:

Medication: Prescribed or over-the-counter (drugs such as analgesics).

#### Drugs:

- a) Alcohol. Tobacco, other non-illegal drugs or chemicals.
- b) Illegal drugs.
- c) Instruments used for consuming drugs.

### Involvement Means.

- 1. The use of drugs.
- 2. The possession of drugs, or instruments used for consuming drugs.
- 3. Being present when one or more students are using drugs.

# <u>Inappropriate Use Of Drugs:</u>

The College does not allow

- the use or prohibited drugs
- the inappropriate use of prescribed or over-the-counter medicines
- the inappropriate use of solvents or other chemical agents
- the consumption of alcoholic beverages
- the smoking of tobacco or other drugs including e-cigarettes and sheesha
- the possession of drug related objects, such as syringes, bongs or vapour pipes, argeela, hooka.

The College also prohibits the possession, sale, supply, exchange or negotiation in relation to any of the above when on the school premises or on any other occasion when the staff of the school have responsibility for an individual group of students.

# Procedures and Disciplinary Sanctions:

#### Medication

- (i) When students are carrying prescribed medication to be taken during the day the school must be notified in writing by the parent.
- (ii) Where a long term medical or allergic condition requiring medication exists, the parents should provide directions in writing, as to the nature of the drug and its appropriate use.

#### <u>Analgesics</u>

- (i) The use of analgesics is discouraged for all students.
- (ii) It is a responsibility of First Aid officers to issue analgesic paracetamol on request in cases of minor pains provided there has been prior authorisation from the parent.

# <u>Students – Possession and Abuse of Non-Illegal and Illegal Drugs</u>

- (i) Where there is a reasonable suspicion of possession of any drugs, Coordinators, Deputy Principal and Principal will be notified.
- (ii) Parents will be notified immediately.

# <u>Staff - Possession and Abuse of Illegal and legal Drugs</u>

- (i) Where there is reasonable suspicion of possession and use of drugs, the teacher will be sent home, pending further investigation.
- (ii) The Principal will investigate the matter and if the teacher is found to have illegal; use or possession of drugs the South Australian Police will be notified. (illegal drugs)

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