

POLICY

DRUGS

RATIONALE

Our pupils will be taught to make sensible choices and decisions about their use of drugs.

PURPOSES

We, as a school, assist our children to make sensible choices and decisions about their use of drugs as outlined in the Health Syllabus and reflecting the goals and objectives of the School Charter.

At all times we must model sensible use of legal drugs at school and school related functions.

GUIDELINES

1. We will implement a drug resistance / choice (DARE) component to our Health Scheme. This will be at the Year 7 & 8 level and will be taken biannually.
2. To ensure sensible use of medicines at school, any children who are required to bring medication to school must bring an explanatory note from their parent / caregiver. The medicine will be kept by the teacher and administered as directed.
Children who are on prescribed medication (i.e. Ritalin) must have a signed disclaimer giving permission to administer.
Before medicines, such as Pamol, as administered to students by the school's first aid officers, parents / caregivers must have been contacted.
3. Consumption of alcohol by adults at staff and school functions is permitted, but all should be aware of the role models being presented to children. Non alcoholic drinks and food should be available. Alcohol is not permitted at School Camps.
4. A smoke free environment exists within the school.
5. Any information about drugs that come to light during the DARE programme will be handled as laid down in the 'Dare to Make a Choice in Your School' booklet. (Page 21).
6. The Public Health Nurse will make contact with local agencies who can help students or staff who are found to have problems related to their use of drugs.

CONCLUSION

Our children will be aware of their rights and responsibilities, and will be able to make informed decisions about their use of drugs.

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