



DRUG EDUCATION POLICY

CONTEXT

St Paul's is committed to providing a safe, caring environment which encourages participation and growth of the individual. This policy aims to promote the development of knowledge, skills, values and attitudes needed to live a healthy and fulfilling life. It is framed within the Christian principles and values that underpin education at St Paul's College.

The policy is designed to contribute to developing and maintaining a safe living and learning environment for all members of the school community.

PRINCIPLES

St Paul's College seeks to establish a safe and caring community in which drug issues are dealt with in an informed, just and compassionate manner. Particular principles upon which the response to tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs are based include:

- Support of students, parents and staff in the endeavour to live by Christian values
- Promotion of respect for self and others
- Promotion of an environment where spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and physical well-being are nurtured and developed
- The importance of informed decision making about the use of tobacco, alcohol and others drugs in the community
- The enhancing and sustaining of drug education in the curriculum to minimise the potential harm associated with drug use by young people
- Equipping students with the necessary skills, knowledge and resilience to make appropriate informed choices about personal safety
- Clear management and support strategies for matters related to drug use and abuse;
- Working collaboratively with families, agencies and other relevant groups to support our students

PROCEDURES

Education Initiatives:

The St Paul's College educational programme will:

- Promote the development of health enhancing values, attitudes and behaviours
- Include discussion of the harmful use of legal medications, alcohol, tobacco and other illicit drugs and substances
- Encourage open and informed discussion of critical health issues
- Encourage parental involvement
- Upon request, facilitate educational opportunities for parents

Medication Management

In the case of **Home Provided Medications, it is the responsibility of the caregiver to:**

- Inform the School of any relevant details related to the medication provided, and
- Provide the School with a copy of a Medical Management Plan which is prepared by the child's Doctor
- Wherever possible, promote their child's own responsible management of that medication.

Support Services

- Students, parents and staff may initiate counselling with the School Counsellor. Such counselling is a confidential service available to all members of the school community.
- The provision of easily accessed, up to date materials concerning all vital health and welfare issues.

Incident Management

St Paul's will respond to all suspected drug-related incidents with the health of students as the prime concern and utilising principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.



When

- At school
- In school uniform
- Representing the school
- Or on any occasion when staff of the School have responsibility for an individual student or group of students

St Paul's College does not allow students to:

- Smoke tobacco
- Consume alcoholic beverages
- Possess or use illegal drugs
- Misuse prescribed or non-prescribed drugs
- Misuse solvents and other chemical agents
- Possess drug related objects unless medically authorised

St Paul' College prohibits:

- The possession, sale, supply, exchange or negotiation in relation to any of the above

If a breach of these expectations is suspected, some or all of the following actions will occur:

- Assessment of the immediate health status of the student, and resort to medical assistance, if required
- Confiscation and identification of any substances
- Preliminary investigation to establish the facts
- Information conveyed to parent/guardian of the student(s) involved
- Formal interviews with the student(s) concerned
- The involvement of parent/guardian in the resolution of the incident
- Contact with the police, if the substance is suspected to be illegal
- Contact with the Education Drug Diversion Intervention Team (EDDIT) 8241 7022 to offer counselling, support and harm minimisation strategies

Consequences for the student, depending upon the seriousness of the breach, could include any of the following:

- Placement upon a contract between student, parent/guardian and school. This contract may require attendance of counselling and/or treatment programmes
- Suspension
- Termination of enrolment
- Police action

REFERENCES

Drug and Alcohol Services SA (DASSA)	1300 131 340
Quit SA	8231 2959
Centacare	8210 8200
Education Drug Diversion Intervention Team (EDDIT)	8241 7022
Lifeline	13 11 14
Kids Help Line	1800 551 800
Police	13 14 44

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