

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUGS

Purpose

The use of alcohol, tobacco, solvents and illegal or not specifically prescribed drugs has no place in the lives of young Intermediate aged children. Provision is made for programmes that will educate our students to make the right choices regarding these dangers to their health.

1. To develop an alcohol and drug education programme across the school involving students, caregivers and the community.
2. To foster in students social and personal skills to give them confidence to make responsible choices about alcohol, tobacco and drug use.
3. To promote preventative alcohol, tobacco, solvents and drug publicity.
4. To ensure that students found to have been involved in the taking of alcohol, tobacco, solvent or drugs are dealt with in a manner that deters them and others from further involvement.
5. To provide support for students with an alcohol, tobacco, solvent or drug problem in a caring and professional way.
6. To ensure that the alcohol, tobacco, solvent and drugs policy meets the requirements of the law.

Guidelines:

1. Alcohol, tobacco, solvent and drug education is provided by all teachers as part of the health programme.
2. Factual information on the effects of alcohol, tobacco, solvents and drugs on the body and mind is combined with understanding of the social effects on individuals, families and society.
3. Any student who consumes, is affected by, or is in possession of alcohol or drugs at school or on any school activity will be subject to suspension. The nature of the suspension will be determined on each individual case.
4. Students perceived to be at risk with respect to their use of alcohol and/or drugs will be offered counselling by agencies available to the school.
5. Any student who smokes, or is in possession of tobacco or solvents at school or on any school activity will have their caregivers notified and warned that repeated offences will result in suspension