

SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

DRUG POLICY

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BELIEFS RE DRUGS

- Drug abuse originates in society, not in schools
- Schools should be safe, drug-abuse free learning environments

TEACHERS WILL:

- Report suspected drug-abuse to Principal
- Maintain confidentiality of sources of information (confidentiality issues for the student (s) involved in possession or abuse will be determined in each individual case).
- Programme in Health specifically to cover safe use of legal drugs and avoidance of drug-abuse and illegal drugs.

STUDENTS WILL:

- Report suspected drug-abuse to teachers or Principal
- Participate in programmes and policy reviews

AS A SCHOOL, WE WILL:

- Prohibit students undertaking any of the following activities on school grounds or at any occasion or activity where the staff of the school have responsibility for students:
 - The use or possession of illegal drugs
 - The possession or abuse of legal drugs, solvents, analgesics etc
 - The possession or consumption of alcohol
 - The possession or use of tobacco products
 - The possession of drug related objects such as syringes, pipes etc.

NB Should any student be suspected of contravening this rule, he/she will be removed from the student body by the Principal/Nominee while an investigation is carried out. Searching of student's bags, lockers and/or clothing may be required in the investigation.

Following the investigation, the following will occur:

IN THE CASE OF POSSESSION/ABUSE OF LEGAL DRUGS

- Parents (Caregivers) will be notified
- The student may be suspended for a period of up to 5 days
- The student may be referred to professional counseling during this suspension. Re-entry may be conditional on this counseling occurring
- Where the student persists in his/her behaviour to the extent that an inordinate degree of supervision or surveillance would be required to prevent him/her re-offending, the student will be suspended until an undertaking is received that the practice will cease.
- Where this behaviour persists in spite of the undertaking, the student will be excluded from school pending advice from D.E.C.S.

IN THE CASE OF POSSESSION/ABUSE OF LEGAL DRUGS

- The same actions outlined above will occur, except that suspension **WILL** occur, rather than may, and Police notification will occur.