

# DRUG EDUCATION

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

Drug Education is a joint responsibility between school, home and the broader community. Drug Education will be provided at all levels of schooling and will include specific drug education curriculum as well as resilience education, problem solving skill and appropriate coping strategies. Drug education will be based on a Harm Minimisation approach.

### **Aims:**

- Drug Education will focus on a prevention model.
- To provide all students with a comprehensive, age appropriate drug education curriculum.
- To ensure that drug education is embedded across all key curriculum learning areas.
- That resilience education forms a strong basis for drug education at our school.

### **Implementation:**

- The school will establish a core team of teachers and community members to develop and oversee the implementation of a cross-curricula drug education strategy.
- The strategy will focus on developing students' life skills and protective behaviours, promoting the range of relationships in which students can engage, ensuring that students are connected to their schooling, and external influences such as, media, family and peers.
- Specific, age appropriate and sequential drug education content will be provided to students at each year level.
- Appropriate resources will be used to enhance the curriculum eg. Get Real, Get Wise and other Australian Government resources.
- Drug Education will adopt a Harm Minimisation approach.
- Drug Education will be inclusive of resilience education and will encompass problem-solving skills and appropriate coping strategies at all year levels.
- The school will develop a network base of community agencies that may assist in the implementation of drug education.
- Professional development will be provided to ensure staff feel confident in delivering drug education
- The school will provide information sessions for parents around drug education including such programs as Talking Tactics Together and Creating Conversations.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed with student, parent and community input as part of the school's three year review process.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

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