



**Definition:**

The term ‘substance abuse’ relates to the abuse or illegal use of substances that can be harmful to one’s health such as alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.

**Rationale:**

- Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs are harmful to one’s health and impact significantly on the lives of all involved in such abuse.
- Legal requirements must be adhered to.

**Policy:**

The possession and/or consumption of illegal substances and the intentional misuse of legal substances (including solvents or other chemical agents) is prohibited at the College. The smoking of tobacco is banned on school property. The Principal or Head of Campus can sanction the use of legal substances (e.g. alcohol) for special occasions such as events for parents and/or staff held at the College.

**Aims:**

- To promote one’s knowledge, skills, values and attitudes for living a healthy life.
- To develop and maintain a safe living and learning environment for all members of the College community.
- To protect the students health and safety by having a clearly stated stance on inappropriate use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

**Implementation:**

- Drug and alcohol education will be part of the school curriculum.
- All staff and students will be made aware of the College’s policy on substance abuse.
- The College will detail its procedures for students who need to take prescribed or non-prescribed medications.
- There will be clear management and support strategies for matters related to drug abuse.
- The College will have procedures for dealing with breaches of this policy, based on the welfare of the individual as well as the safety of other students.
- The possession or selling of prohibited substances will invoke serious penalties, including dismissal or expulsion.

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