



MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Because I have seen the Lord"

Drugs Policy

Rationale

"Catholic Education in the Diocese of Wollongong seeks to apply Christian principles to contemporary issues ... consequently, our intention is to develop our students' understanding of drugs and to encourage them to make positive decisions."

Guidelines

- Staff are encouraged to participate in professional development about drugs awareness.
- Parents are encouraged to attend drug awareness meetings when they are offered.
- A cross curriculum approach of drug education for students is utilised, when appropriate, even though it is primarily taught in the PDHPE curriculum area.
- **Analgesics, other non-prescription and prescription drugs:** Students who need to take analgesics, other non-prescription and prescription drugs are asked to follow the procedures for dispensing of medication. These analgesics and other non-prescription and prescription drugs are to be stored and taken in sick bay under strict supervision.
- **Solvents and Propellants:** All school personnel are responsible for the correct storage of all substances that may be harmful. The use of Liquid Paper is confined to staff, and students are not permitted to bring it to school.
- **Tobacco:** No students are allowed to have in their possession or to consume tobacco whilst under the care of the school.
- **Alcohol:** No students are allowed to have in their possession or to consume alcohol whilst under the care of the school. Parents will immediately be informed if alcohol is found in a student's possession, or if a student is under the influence of alcohol.
- **Illegal Drugs:** Zero tolerance will apply for all illegal drugs on school premises. No students are allowed to have in their possession or consume any illegal drug whilst under the care of the school. Parents will immediately be informed if any illegal drug is found in student's possession, or if a student is under the influence of taking the illegal substance. In consultation with the CEO, the police may be informed.

Basis of Discretion

Disciplinary action undertaken where a student violates the school's Drug Policy, is at the discretion of the Principal and may range from Suspension to Exclusion.

Supporting Documents

- The Catholic Education office Drug Policy
- Smoking Policy
- Procedures for dispensing medication (Staff Information and Procedures Document)

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2015.