

## **SUNSHINE COLLEGE DRUG EDUCATION/INCIDENT POLICY**

### **RATIONALE**

Drug education at Sunshine College aims to help students to make informed health-related decisions about drug use. Drug education is embedded in the school's curriculum and pastoral care programs. Sunshine College's Drug Education policy focuses on a harm minimization approach.

### **POLICY GUIDELINES**

- Drug Education is incorporated in the Health and Physical Education curriculum and Pastoral Care Programs.
- Professional Development provided to staff to ensure the effective implementation of Drug Education guidelines.
- Leadership Team to provide appropriate counselling and support for students with drug-related issues.
- Appropriate resources will be provided for staff, students and the school community within the Student Wellbeing framework.

### **Sunshine College does not permit students to:**

1. Possess or smoke tobacco products.
2. Possess or consume or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages.
3. Deliberately inhale solvents.
4. Possess drug-related equipment.
5. To be under the influence of drugs, except for medical reasons.
6. To provide or sell to any other student any prohibited drugs.
7. To collude or be present with students who are engaging in any of the above.

### **Specific Procedures:**

1. Parents/guardians are required to inform the school, in writing, of any prescription medication required during school hours.
2. Any unauthorised drug found on school property will be confiscated by a member of the Leadership Team.
3. In the event of a student appearing to be under the influence of a drug or drugs, medical advice will be sought where appropriate. The school will attempt to notify parents/guardians about the incident as soon as possible.
4. Any student possessing, supplying or selling an illegal drug is committing an offence against the Law. In such a case, the police will be notified.

### **Sanctions and Support Structures:**

Students found in breach of the above will be liable to a range of sanctions depending on circumstances and whether or not previous offences have occurred.

The range of responses includes:

- \* Consultation with parents
- \* Counselling in harm minimisation
- \* Suspension from school and school camps/excursions
- \* Loss of any leadership role held
- \* Referral to an outside agency where appropriate
- \* Notification to the police
- \* Other as deemed suitable in the circumstances