



St David's College
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DRUG AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE POLICY

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Purpose

Our school is dedicated to creating a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment. To foster academic and personal success, we maintain a strict stance on the misuse of drugs, alcohol, and illegal substances. We expect students to adhere to high standards of behaviour, both on and off campus, as representatives of our school.

Policy Overview

This policy applies to all students enrolled at our school, including conduct both on school premises and during school-sponsored activities off-site. We are committed to supporting students' well-being through prevention, education, and intervention.

1. Prohibited Substances

The following substances are strictly prohibited:

- Illegal drugs (including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, etc.)
- Prescription medications without a valid prescription or misuse of prescription drugs
- Alcohol
- Inhalants, e-cigarettes, vapes, and other substances used for non-prescribed purposes
- Cigarettes and tobacco products
- Any substance used in a manner other than its intended purpose or that impairs one's functioning

2. Prevention and Education

We believe that education is the first step in preventing drug misuse. Our curriculum includes age-appropriate programs and seminars focusing on the risks of substance abuse and the importance of making healthy choices. We encourage parents to discuss these topics with their children.

3. Expectations and Responsibilities

- **Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to avoid illegal and non-prescribed drugs and substances. Students must not possess, use, distribute, or be under the influence of any prohibited substances while on school property or during school-sponsored events.
- **Parent Responsibility:** Parents must support the school's policy by reinforcing the importance of avoiding drugs, ensuring their child does not bring prohibited substances to school, and cooperating with the school in promoting a drug-free environment.

4. School's Right to Search

To maintain safety, the school reserves the right to search a student's personal belongings, including lockers and vehicles on school property, if there is a reasonable suspicion of drug possession or use. Searches will be conducted respectfully and discreetly by designated school personnel.

5. Testing

The school may require drug testing when there is reasonable suspicion of use. Refusal to comply may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

6. Support and Resources

We prioritise student well-being and will provide support to students struggling with substance use. Parents may be informed of relevant counseling, rehabilitation, or other intervention options.

7. Disciplinary Actions

Violations of this policy may result in consequences including:

- Warning and parental notification
- Suspension or expulsion from school
- Referral to external counseling services or a treatment program
- Legal consequences in alignment with local laws