

Hagley College Alcohol & Drugs Policy

Goal:

Hagley College is committed to the wellbeing of our staff and students by ensuring we take all reasonable steps to maintain the College as a drug and alcohol free environment.

Rationale

Drug and alcohol education is supported through compulsory Health Education at Year 9 and 10 where a harm minimization approach is taken as well as encouraging good decision making practices and the teaching of assertiveness skills. Professional help, from counsellors and outside agencies, are available to students with alcohol and drug related problems.

Purpose

- 1 To maintain the high quality of Health Education at Hagley College and support the department's decision to take a harm minimization approach to drugs and alcohol.
- 2 To foster and encourage prosocial and interpersonal skills to give students the confidence to make responsible choices about alcohol and drug use.
- 3 To affirm students who choose to abstain from alcohol, drugs and smoking and to promote preventative publicity and programmes.
- 4 To ensure that students with alcohol and drug related problems of their own or in their families are supported in a caring and professional way.
- 5 To affirm and support the school rules on drinking, smoking and misuse of drugs when involved in school activities, by ensuring students understand them and the consequences of breaking them.
- 6 To provide staff and parent education about alcohol and drugs so they can be responsible role models and foster healthy attitudes in the school community.

Guidelines

- 1 Alcohol and drug education will be taught by teachers trained in these areas, as part of ongoing integrated health and wellbeing education across the school.

- 2 The programmes will be developmental and target personal and social competence with a focus on healthy living.
- 4 Any student who consumes, is affected by, or is in possession of alcohol or drugs at school or on any school activity, will be subject to the discipline process, and may choose to undergo drug testing as part of this process. A student under the influence of alcohol or drugs at school will remain with the nurse for health and safety reasons until further arrangements can be made with a parent/caregiver.
- 5 Smoking tobacco or using smoking related paraphernalia such as vaping is only allowed in the designated smoking area in accordance with the Smoke free environment policy. Cessation support will be available to assist students, staff and whānau who wish to stop smoking.
- 6 Staff will not consume alcohol or misuse drugs when they have responsibility for students.
7. When staff hear or suspect possible drug use among students they should discuss it with senior management or the College nurse as soon as possible.
8. Parents assisting staff on school based trips will adhere to school policy as if they were staff (see guidelines 6).
9. Any non Hagley College student present on a school trip will adhere to school policy as if he/she were a student.
10. Staff will present a copy of the school policy on alcohol and drugs at any initial meeting of parents/staff/students planning a school based trip. (Both overseas and within New Zealand).

Related policies:

Health and Safety Policy

Child Protection Policy

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Signed:



Board of Trustees Chairperson