



## **HEALTH HARMING SUBSTANCES**

### **Rationale:**

St Hilda's Collegiate School must present clear and appropriate messages to students, staff and parents in the statements it makes, in its practices and in the policies and rules formulated concerning health harming substances.

### **Objectives**

1. To ensure that the use and abuse of Health Harming Substances are part of a comprehensive Health Education and Student Well-being programme.
2. To ensure that when a problem involving the possession/use/supply of drugs/*synthetic cannabinoids*/alcohol or other Health Harming substances, in school time, in school grounds and/or during school trips, or during events under the authority of the school arises, appropriate informed and public management procedures are carried out.
3. To ensure that the Board of Trustees promotes the general health of the School community and upholds the laws of New Zealand in relation to Health Harming Substances.

### **Guidelines**

1. Health harming substances education will be available in the form of factual information, situational role-play, guest speakers, live theatre, and through other teaching techniques. Pamphlets on drug information, counselling and access to outside agencies will be made available through the library and the Guidance Counsellor.
2. The School will prohibit the possession, use, sale, supply, exchange or negotiation of health harming substances on School premises or on any other occasion when the staff of the School have responsibility for an individual or group of students.
3. Students who believe they are experiencing health harming substance-use problems will be encouraged to approach the guidance staff for a confidential interview.
4. A student may be identified through disciplinary action for a problem involving inappropriate health harming substance use. A student could also be identified through a non-health harming substance-related infraction in which they are suspected of using, or having used health harming substances inappropriately.
5. Breach of this Policy is likely to result in the Board of Trustees invoking its disciplinary procedures.
6. The Board may require the special procedures detailed in the School Rules to be put in place when a student is enrolled after an incident involving a health harming substance.
7. Medication will only be administered by School staff if:

\* Written parental consent has been obtained , or

- \* A student’s medical practitioner has provided directions, normally in writing, or
- \* The administration of non-prescription analgesic medication is deemed necessary in light of circumstances (e.g., in an emergency while on a School trip, or where one dose of non-prescription analgesic medication administered by the School Nurse or Student Office Manager is considered appropriate).

**Review:**

1. This Policy will be reviewed every three years by the Board of Trustees.

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Policy reviewed                   \_\_\_\_\_                   (Date)

Signed                   \_\_\_\_\_                   (Chairperson, Board of Trustees)