



## **Winthrop Primary School**

### **Drug Policy**

#### **Purpose:**

- To promote and maintain a school environment which supports the welfare of all students.
- To educate staff, parents and children to prevent the misuse of drugs.
- To document the school community's position on and procedures for dealing with drug related incidents and problems.
- To ensure that drug education and relevant topics are covered through the curriculum in all year levels.

#### **Principles:**

- The promotion and education of a healthy lifestyle which encourages personal growth, responsible choices and well being.
- The responsibility of the school to assist students to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes required to make informed decisions about drugs.

#### **Procedures:**

The school will implement a relevant health education program.

Opportunities will be provided for parent drug education programs.

There will be professional development opportunities for staff.

The programs and policy will be reviewed regularly.

### **Intervention Procedures:**

The following Intervention Procedures are designed to address alcohol, tobacco and other drug related problems to ensure the health and well being of all parties. All Intervention Procedures conform to legal requirements.

Winthrop PS does not permit students at school or on school excursions/camps to:

- Smoke and or possess tobacco products.
- Consume and or possess alcohol.
- Deliberately inhale volatile substances (solvents).
- Possess and/or use pharmaceutical drugs for non-medical purposes.
- Possess and/or use illegal drugs in accordance with the Misuse of Drugs Act of 1981.
- Possess and/or use drug related equipment.
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In all circumstances, or priority will be to establish and respond to the immediate health and welfare of the students.

### **Intervention Responses:**

For smoking, alcohol or drug use; The Principal/Deputy Principal will notify parents. Students will receive disciplinary action in accordance with the school's Behaviour Management Policy.

For illicit drugs the parents will be informed immediately. The Principal/Deputy Principal will notify the police. In the absence of a student's parents, the Principal or nominated staff member will be present at the police interview to take place of the school premises. The student will be offered counselling and will receive disciplinary action in accordance with the school's Behaviour Management Policy.

### **Syringe Management:**

Students will be taught that if they find a syringe or harmful substance they do not touch the item and immediately advise a staff member or adult.

Staff will dispose of the item in the medical waste bin in the Medical Room.

### **Medication Management:**

Where children require a medically prescribed medication the school must be notified and the appropriate forms completed.

A nominated staff member will administer the medication.

**Review Date: Term 1 2015**