



Drug Policy

Introduction

Annesley Junior School is committed to maintaining a safe, secure and supportive environment for its community. This policy is part of our Whole School Drug Strategy that includes a range of curriculum; policies and procedures; and positive school environment initiatives. It is acknowledged that some students take medication prescribed by a doctor for their wellbeing. Annesley Junior School takes action to prevent drug abuse by students and to intervene if it occurs by taking a whole of school approach. The use, possession and/or distribution of illicit drugs and the unsanctioned use and distribution of drugs such as alcohol, tobacco and prescription drugs, are not accepted at Annesley Junior School.

Policy Principles

- Drug education is taught as part of a sequential and developmentally appropriate curriculum at Annesley Junior School.
- Partnerships are made with parents and community agencies to assist Annesley Junior School to address drug issues.
- The principles of natural justice and procedural fairness will apply in the management of suspected drug and drug related incidents/issues.
- Student resilience and wellbeing are taught and promoted through the curriculum.

Legislative Frameworks and Administrative Guidelines

National School Drug Education Strategy
Children's Protection Act
Education Act

Policy Statement

Annesley Junior School does not accept the use, possession and/or distribution of illicit drugs nor the unsanctioned use and distribution of drugs such as alcohol, tobacco and prescription drugs. Drug and drug related incidents/issues will be managed and responded to in ways that:

- minimise the harm to all members of the school community
- ensure the wellbeing of the students involved and on-going support and education of those students
- are firm and fair.

Involvement with drugs, including illicit and unsanctioned drugs, means that Annesley Junior School personnel have reason to believe that:

- drugs have been or are being used
- students are in possession of drugs or instruments used with drugs
- students are present when drugs are being used by others.

In the event of a suspected drug-related incident:

- The safety and wellbeing of students will be considered paramount: they may need to be treated as unwell in accordance with the school's health plan and/or emergency procedures.
- Parents will be contacted in instances of possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs or the use and/or illegal distribution of unsanctioned drugs.
- Police will be informed in instances of possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and/or the illegal distribution of unsanctioned drugs.
- Consequences may vary and will depend on the nature of the situation, its potential for harm and the circumstances of the individual students involved. However, they could involve suspension or exclusion.

Follow-up support for student wellbeing will be implemented.

Annesley Junior School procedures for managing drug related incidents will be reviewed after every drug related incident.

Policy Responsibilities

The Principal will monitor the implementation of the policy

The staff will implement and support this policy.

Review

The policy will be reviewed every two years.