



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

DRUGS POLICY

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Rationale

This Policy seeks to help students:

- critique their own understanding of their dignity as human persons in the light of the Gospel invitation to embrace life fully;
- live healthy and creative lives in a society where diverse values are presented to them;
- to make informed and positive choices when presented with diverse values and situations.

It is essential to be able to respond to drug issues in a positive and concerned Christian manner, respecting the rights and needs of all. The school's policy covers incidents and situations that occur when students are under the care and direction of the school.

Our school will endeavour to develop a safe and supportive school environment.

Values

It is our belief that St Mary's Parish School reflects the gospel values of faith, hope and love. The School exists to promote the integration of faith and life experiences through the development of the whole Christian person. We value:

- open communities that honour the uniqueness of all members;
- embracing life in its fullness;
- being confident when reaching out in love and service;
- openness and sharing with dignity;
- maintaining integrity and awareness in our decision making.

Policy Statement

What is a drug?

The World Health Organisation defines a drug as:

"any chemical substance, that when taken into the body affects the natural way the body and mind works".

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