

Policy Document

DRUG EDUCATION

Rationale

Drug education is a partnership between school, home and the community promoting belonging, participation, learning and well-being through an integrative whole school framework. It is based on a harm minimization approach to drug use.

Objectives

- To provide all students with a comprehensive, age appropriate drug education program.
- To ensure that drug education is integrated in the whole school curriculum framework
- To provide a program that develops resilience, connectedness and belonging as a protective factor in achieving mental health.

Implementation

- Members of the Physical, Personal and Social Learning (PPSL) team to devise a specific drug education program appropriate for each Level.
- Each class will receive a specific Drug Education program, minimum of ten hours per year.
- Drug issues, information, initiatives or concerns to be communicated through school newsletter.
- Appropriate resources will be used to enhance the curriculum e.g. Get Real; Get Wise; REDI (Resilience Education and Drug Information); Talking Tactics Together and Creating Conversations and other Australian Government resources.
- Drug Education program will reflect a Harm Minimisation approach to drug use
- Drug education will include problem solving activities promoting resilience, self esteem and mental health.
- Ongoing Professional Development for staff to deliver effective drug education programs.
- Provide support programs such as Life – Ed to enhance the delivery of the overall school drug education program.
- Provide drug education information sessions to parents, empowering them with knowledge and skills as partners in the delivery of our drug education program.
- Support agencies to assist with families requiring counselling
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Drug Education Project Officers to be used as a resource.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

Ratification

Ratified by School Council: 31-Jul-2013

School Council President: Glen Noble

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