

DRUG POLICY

It is the aim of Good Shepherd Lutheran School's policy on drugs that all members of the school community convey by their actions and teachings that they do not condone the inappropriate use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.



School policy opposes the inappropriate use of legal drugs and the possession and use of prohibited substances.

The policy is applicable:

1. on school premises
2. at functions, excursions or camps organized by the school
3. when members of the school community are representing the school or wearing the school uniform

This school does not permit students:

1. the use of prohibited drugs
2. the inappropriate use of prescribed and/or non prescribed medicines
3. the inappropriate use of solvents, inhalants and/or other chemical agents
4. the consumption of alcoholic beverages
5. the smoking of tobacco and other drugs
6. the possession of drug related objects such as bongos and pipes
7. to be under the influence of alcohol and other drugs

In addition, our school does not permit the possession, sale, supply, exchange of, or negotiation in relation to, any of the above.

SEARCH

Where a staff member in authority reasonably suspects that a student has a prohibited substance in her or his possession, the Principal or appointed nominee may search that student's possessions, locker and/or bag. Should such a search be necessary, it will occur in the presence of the student concerned and a second, adult witness. All necessary safety precautions will be taken when searching possessions. The person of the student may not be searched. If it seems necessary to search the student's pockets, the student will be asked to empty her or his pockets. Parents/care givers will be contacted as soon as possible if such a search is deemed necessary.

CONSEQUENCES OF BREACHES OF REQUIREMENTS

If any of the above requirements are disregarded, the student will be disciplined as deemed appropriate by the School Principal or, in her/his absence, an appointed nominee, according to Inappropriate Behaviour in the school Behaviour Management Policy. Penalties which the Principal will consider for breaches of the requirements include:

- the drawing up of a contract between the student (and parent) and the school
- detention of the student for an appropriate period relative to the breach detected
- suspension of the student
- expulsion of the student

POLICE CONTACT

If an illegal substance is found on the school premises, the Police will be notified.

DRUG STRATEGIES

PARENTS / STUDENT SUPPORT

In 2005 a team of staff, students and parents attended 4 in-service seminars to help develop a whole school Drug Strategy for our school. This included looking at types of drugs available in our community, socially acceptable and unacceptable drugs, education about drug use and harm minimisation.

Each year the Life Education Van visits Good Shepherd and students are taken through lead up and concluding lessons, complimenting the time they spend in the Life Education Van.

Resources have been purchased by Good Shepherd to help support classroom teachers deliver lessons to the various year levels as they move through the school. A whole school Drug Strategy has been established and will be reviewed each year to maintain its focus and relevance to the students and staff. GSLS is committed to educating our students and supporting them to understand the harmful effects of dangerous drugs and the inappropriate use of socially acceptable drugs.

STUDENT SITES

- Queensland Health, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services
www.100incontrol.com.au
- Quit SA
www.OxyGen.org.au
- Uni SA Bullying Site
www.education.unisa.edu.au/bullying/
- National Alcohol Campaign
www.drinkingchoices.com
- Kids Help line
www.kidshelp.com.au
- Inspire Foundation – Reach Out
www.reachout.asn.au/home.jsp
- SomaZone
www.somazone.com.au
- Australian Drug Foundation – drughit
www.adf.org.au/drughit/