Objectives

• Implement intervention guidelines for drug related incidents that are fair, just and that recognise the educational and welfare needs of students.

• Apply consistent and fair disciplinary processes for violations.

• Support students, parents and school personnel in managing drug related incidents.

• Coordinate school and community resources relevant to drug related incidents.

• Create a school climate in which unlawful drug use, possession and selling is unacceptable.

• Provide guidelines on acceptable and unacceptable drug use behaviour.

• Minimise harm associated with illicit drug use among students.

• Eliminate drug possession and/or selling on school premises.

• Identify students with drug related problems and encourage them to seek help.

Outcomes

• Knowledge and understanding of drug related issues will be enhanced.

• All school community members will consider that the intervention processes developed and implemented by schools are clear, fair and consistent.

The School

• Is a smoke free environment.

• Advocates the safe and responsible use of medicines.

• Follows a harm minimisation approach to the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

• Prohibits at school, the use, possession or supply of intoxicating substances and/or utensils (including but not limited to illegal drugs or illegal drug implements, alcohol, paint, glue, prescription medication etc).

• Will take action when information about intoxicating substances and/or utensils at school is disclosed.

• Has procedures for managing drug related incidents.

• Provides referral and counselling for students with drug-related problems.
External Agencies

Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Services
Quarters 1, Gold Coast Hospital
Queen St, Southport QLD 4215
Telephone: 5576 9020

Drug Users Network Education & Support
2019 Gold Coast Hwy, Miami QLD 4220
Telephone: 5520 7900

Mirikai
191 West Burleigh Rd, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220
Telephone: 5535 4302
PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS

Substance found with/consumed by student or evidence of above

Establish the health status of the student/s involved in the incident

Report the incident to the Administration

Administration establishes who and what substance/implement is involved. The substance is then secured, labeled and stored

Refer to first aid room and monitor

Refer to the ambulance if emergency treatment is needed

Notify police if an illicit substance

Notify parents and advise that a support person is available to assist the family

Administration advises student that a support person is available to assist them and their parents

Police feedback as per Juvenile Justice Act

Student support person School Administrator Year Coordinator Parents/ guardians Student

School allows time for clarification from student and/or family

Student support person assists student and family if required

Recommendation to appropriate system office (if required)

Support person refers to other government or community service

Advise the student and the family of the proposed school response

School staff informed of school response

Whole school community informed if appropriate

School implements appropriate action based on evidence of the incident and devises a plan for student reintegration

Management group implements a process of reintegration for the student involved

Refer to Department Drug Policy and School Procedures

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Respond to media if necessary

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CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG USE FOR STUDENTS

These possible consequences will be considered in the context of the student’s family situation, mental and emotional health, intellectual ability and degree to which they may have been in control of their decisions and actions.

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