

KELMSCOTT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Drug Policy

Kelmscott SHS is committed to a holistic attitude towards a healthy lifestyle inclusive of diet, exercise and self-esteem. Drug use is a very complex issue and drug problems result from a combination of many contributing factors. The influence and effects of drug use and abuse on the individual, family and wider community are very evident in today's society. This policy is one part of the wider community's reaction to the drugs issue. The Health and Education Frameworks and School Behaviour Plan at Kelmscott SHS address preventative and intervention strategies. This policy and related procedures will be subject to continual review.

For the purpose of this document, a 'drug' is defined as any substance other than food and water which when taken into the body alters its function physically and/or psychologically.

Our aim is to educate our students for life with the goal of leading healthy, positive and drug free lifestyles. This Framework seeks to:

- Address prevention, education and awareness, intervention and sanctions for managing drug use relevant to Kelmscott SHS.
- Be consistent with the administrative requirements of the Department of Education.
- Be consistent with state and federal laws.

Drug Education Program

Kelmscott SHS aims to provide students with knowledge and coping skills to use in relation to 'drug' issues. Our program includes:

- A whole of school, cross-curricula approach to delivering a message of abstinence and/or harm reduction.
- Provision of a supportive system including access to counselling for students and parents when needed.
- Parent awareness evenings relating to drug issues.
- Availability of staff to counsel students affected by drug issues.
- Referral and information for families affected by drug use.

A compulsory health education program in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 delivered by specialist staff with current knowledge and skills who will teach students:

- factual information;
- to clarify societal and students' attitudes and values; and
- to develop their interpersonal skills, resiliency, assertiveness and decision-making skills.

An inter-agency approach will be used, involving the police, community drug service team and allied health agencies.

Process for Intervention

The role of this Drug Policy is not only prevention. In a situation where behaviours indicate possible health and safety risks to the student and/or others sanctions will be applied.

Department of Education Policy on Medical and Prescription Drugs

- Students on prescribed medication are encouraged, where possible to take their medication at home.
- Students using prescribed medication may only carry enough medication for one day's use to school (excluding liquid antibiotics and eye drops). Prescribed medication should be clearly labelled with the name of the student, date, dosage and frequency.
- Staff are *not allowed* to give prescribed nor over-the-counter pain and/or flu relief medication to students.
- Students with asthma are encouraged to carry reliever medication at all times. Ventolin and spacers are always available at the First Aid Office and the Physical Education Department. Teachers are aware of the correct administration of Ventolin.
- Students that have EpiPens need to ensure they are in-date and carry them in their school bag.
- School Camps and Excursions: Analgesics and prescribed drugs with a completed Form 3-Medication Administration (to include name of student, dates to be administered, daily dose, frequency) from the parents must be given to the specified teacher.

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