



Drugs Policy

No illicit drugs either physically or within the body are permitted at school. What happens outside school is beyond our control except when the result is observable in school. Both being “under the influence” and “after effects” may be observable, and each may be acted upon.

Drug Education Program

Personal Development lessons incorporate teaching about healthy life choices, harmful substances and issues relating to the law from K – 12 in a developmentally, age appropriate way.

Procedural Guidelines

Tobacco

Smoking on the premises is against the school rules. This also applies to coming to and going from school.

If a student is caught in possession an investigation as to whether the student was actually smoking is undertaken. The tobacco is confiscated and parents are informed.

If a student is caught in the act:

First Offence

The student is taken immediately to the HS Co-ordinator, Deputy Principal or Principal. Two teachers must be present at interview - the result will be:

being “gated” for one week (i.e. alone at recess, lunch and detention after school [except for Pathways students finishing at 4:00 or later])

sending an email to parents (preceded by a phone call if possible) to emphasise the importance of what has happened. A written reply is required.

If the student is caught on public transport, parents and student are informed that a repeat offence will lead to withdrawal of transport pass

a program to assist the student in giving up the habit such as “Quit Smoking” will be recommended.

Second Offence

“gating” for two weeks

parental interview

warning: “If the offence re-occurs, then we must consider whether the student can remain at Korowal.”

student to undertake an educational program regarding smoking.

Third Offence

student to be immediately suspended pending parental interview

student and family informed: “We are now considering whether the student can remain at Korowal.”

if student returns, “gating” as for second offence

It is important that we treat each case on its merits.

Other Illicit Drugs and Misuse of Prescription Drugs

Smoking or ingestion of any illicit substance on the premises is against the school rules. This also applies to coming to and going from school.

First Offence

Student brought immediately to the HS Co-ordinator or Deputy Principal.

Questioned by two teachers.

Where more than one person is involved, participants to be isolated.

Need to establish source of substance (i.e. brought to school, bought at school or given at school). **Any student found to be supplying the substance will be treated more severely, including contacting the Police Youth Liaison officer.***

Suspension for 2 days, followed by an interview with the student and parents. It will be made clear during this meeting, that the school will do everything in its power to help the student to avoid a second offence. If a second offence occurs, this would lead to expulsion and the police would have to be informed.

Provided the outcome of the meeting was satisfactory, gating as in Smoking Second Offence will follow.

Counselling by school counsellor, potentially followed by outside-school counselling.

A meeting will be called with peers, parents, teachers to open discussion about the issue, to help put things into perspective, to develop a support network and to prevent this from happening again.

A community service will have to be performed by the offender(s).

Second Offence

Student brought immediately to a member of Executive. Questioned by two teachers.

The student will be expelled.

The Principal will inform the police of the incident.

Interview with parents, where they will be informed of the expulsion.

Comment

It is important that we treat each case on its merits.

In all circumstances, parents must be informed a.s.a.p.

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