



TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE POLICY STATEMENT ON DRUGS AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

Rationale

The consumption, possession, supply, manufacturing or administration of any Class A, B, C controlled drugs, as defined under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 or any mind-altering substances or cigarettes/e-cigarettes/vapes is extremely harmful and/or unlawful. They have no place in the school environment or school-related activities.

(Prescription and non-prescription medicine required at school by students is managed under the school's Health Centre Guidelines and Procedures).

Purposes

1. To make Te Awamutu College a safe and drug free environment for staff and students.
2. To ensure all staff, students and parents/caregivers know the consequences which will follow should drugs and other harmful substances be consumed, either at school, at school-related activities or while a student is deemed to be under the control of the school.
3. To have a clear set of consequences to deal with the consumption, possession, supply or association with the above-mentioned drugs or any mind altering substances or cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vapes as well as support mechanisms or referrals to appropriate external agencies.
4. To provide factual information regarding the misuse of drugs, mind altering substances and cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vapes.


Guidelines

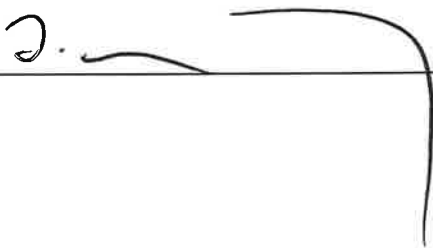
1. Te Awamutu College prohibits the consumption, possession, supply, manufacturing or administration of any Class A, B, C controlled Drugs, as defined under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, or any mind-altering substances or cigarettes/e-cigarettes/vapes at school, at school related activities or while a student is deemed to be under the control of the school.
2. Staff, students or visitors to school associated with the misuse of drugs, and/or mind-altering substances or cigarettes/e-cigarettes/vapes will immediately be subject to disciplinary procedures as laid down by the Board or other legislation (whichever is appropriate) as follows:
 - Students could be stood-down or suspended from school under the Education and Training Act 2020.
 - Staff could be suspended from duties in accordance with appropriate employment agreements or contracts and the Education and Training Act 2020.
 - Visitors to the school will be reported to the appropriate authority and may incur a Trespass Notice being served.

3. Appropriate drug rehabilitation agencies will be contacted as required to offer programmes within the school or to individuals. The School reserves the right to enforce its non-drug policy requirements using all avenues and agencies available to it.
4. The school Health Education Programme will provide elements of drug education programmes in line with the New Zealand Curriculum.
5. Smoking
Te Awamutu College is a smokefree school. Smoking, including vaping and e-cigarettes is prohibited anywhere on the school grounds at any time.

School activities away from school, such as EOTC or sports trips are also smokefree.

Smoking is not allowed while a student is deemed to be under the authority of the school.

CHAIRPERSON _____  _____ DATE 11/3/24

PRINCIPAL _____  _____ DATE 7/3/24