



St Mary's College Drugs – Illicit (Student Use of) Guidelines

The Hazard – Drugs (Illicit) – Student Use St Mary's College Policy

St Mary's College is committed to providing a safe environment for all our students, workers and visitors. It is our policy that:

- X The use, possession and supply of illicit drugs and/or drug paraphernalia (such as pipes or 'bongs') by students is strictly prohibited;
- X While on college property, or representing the college in any way, students are not permitted to be under the influence of drugs;
- X All students will receive age appropriate health and drug education to enable and support them to make informed choices, and to minimise the harm associated with drug use; and

Referrals to counselling and support groups will be provided to students with drug related problems.

Dealing with a Student affected by Drugs

Where a student exhibits obvious signs of drug use a staff member shall:

- X Isolate the student from her peers in a calm and controlled manner (if possible);
- X If this is not possible and an impaired student refuses to cooperate and/or becomes agitated, ensure that any other students within the immediate vicinity are removed from harm and attempt to calm the student until they are fit to be transported home;
- X Ask the student to accompany them to the hospital if necessary;
- X If a student is found to be under the influence of drugs, the student will be taken to the hospital for medical attention.

The Principal shall then make an assessment of the student's condition and take appropriate action based on the facts. This may include contacting the student's parents/carers to inform them of the incident and requesting that they remove the student from the college grounds, and/or calling the police in the event that the student is acting in an aggressive or threatening manner.

