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BANNED SUBSTANCES IN SCHOOL POLICY

1.0 Rationale

Our Lady of the Way School is committed to maintaining a safe, secure and supportive environment for all students and staff. A critical aspect of this is ensuring that banned substances are not present on the school site to minimise risk to staff and students.

2.0 Context

This policy covers the possession, use and distribution of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and other banned substances, and the misuse of over-the-counter and prescribed medications, including the supply of banned or illegal substances on school premises.

3.0 Implementation

- 3.1 The school must be a place that is free from the possession, use or distribution of banned substances within the community, on the premises, and/or during school events.
- 3.2 When the school becomes aware of a serious out-of-school hours incident, parents/carers will be notified and the police called.
- 3.3 The school will use appropriate strategies to assist the education of students and parents in the prevention and misuse of banned substances.
- 3.4 If a student is suspected of use, possession or distribution of banned substances, the immediate priority is to ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff.
- 3.5 When a breach is suspected, the principal will use their discretion in contacting the police in consultation with the Director of Performance.

4.0 Evaluation

The Principal, with delegated responsibility to the Leadership Team will be responsible for the planning, implementation and review of this program.