

## **RATIONALE**

People in our society use drugs for both medical and recreational purposes. Our students are exposed to drug related issues at home, school and in the wider community. The school has a responsibility to address drug education.

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY**

- 1.1 To provide students, through a harm minimisation program, with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about drug use/misuse.

### **2.0 PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1 The Drug Education Program should provide students with appropriate skills and knowledge to minimise harm.
- 2.2 Staff should be provided with professional development opportunities co-ordinated by the Welfare Committee to develop knowledge and skills in teaching harm minimisation drug education.
- 2.3 Funding for drug education should be provided where necessary.
- 2.4 Where and when possible, community resources should be utilised to enhance the Drug Education Program.
- 2.5 Parents should be kept informed of current drug education programs.
- 2.6 Through the Drug Education Program students will become aware of supports that can be accessed for personal drug-related problems.

### **3.0 HOW THIS POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE**

- 3.1 The Drug Education Program will be based on the current DET publications and other related Victorian Curriculum documents.
- 3.2 Teachers will have access to Drug Education professional development activities.
- 3.3 The Welfare committee team leader will ensure that teachers implementing the Drug Education Program have adequate resources available.
- 3.4 The Welfare committee team leader will compile, and make available to staff, a list of community resources available to assist with the implementation of the Drug Education Program.
- 3.5 As year level teachers implement their Drug Education Program they will be responsible for keeping parents informed about their programs.
- 3.6 The school will address the issue of welfare support for students with drug related problems through the Student Welfare Policy.