

SALESIAN COLLEGE DRUGS POLICY

The College has a **NO SMOKING** policy. The College will act immediately if there is any misuse of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs by the pupils.

Students need to have clear facts and understanding in order to achieve a healthy lifestyle. The College believes that it is important for the students to be given knowledge in order to be better prepared for future choices in life. It recognises that the acquisition of life skills is one key element of personal, social and health education, alongside a range of effective education aimed at personal, emotional and social development, attitudes and values.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATION

The College aims to:

- *address drug education through a comprehensive and well-planned programme of personal, social and health education*
- *ensure that drug education is included at least once during the Senior School PSHE programme and preferably more, taking into account the pupils' developing maturity*
- *provide students with the facts whilst emphasising the benefits of a healthy life-style*
- *help students to know how to be self-assertive in difficult situations*
- *arrange the visits of outside experts in order to support the teacher-led programme. Such visits would be carefully monitored and evaluated. Pupils would be prepared in advance so that they gain maximum benefit.*
- *provide drug-education awareness evenings for parents at least once every three years and preferably bi-annually.*

GENERAL GUIDELINES COVERING THE MISUSE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES ON THE COLLEGE PREMISES

1 SMOKING

In the first instance the Head of Year will be responsible for managing the incident.

- *The Head of Year will consult with the Deputy Headmaster.*
- *Parents will be notified by letter*
- *Appropriate sanctions will be given*
- *If necessary the Deputy Headmaster will arrange for lockers and private possessions to be opened and searched.*

2 ALCOHOL

The Deputy Headmaster will be the first contact for investigation and enquiry.

- *Consultation will take place with the Headmaster*
- *The pupil is likely to be suspended*
- *Parents will be contacted and invited into the College to discuss the matter*
- *If necessary the Deputy Headmaster will arrange for lockers and private possession to be opened and searched.*

3 OTHER SUBSTANCES

The Deputy Headmaster will be the first contact for initial investigation and enquiry.

- *Any substance found which is suspected of being harmful, illegal, or deserving further investigation will be locked in a safe place in the presence of witnesses*
- *The Headmaster will be informed*
- *The parents will be contacted immediately and asked to come into the College*
- *It might be necessary for the police to be contacted to search lockers and other areas. It would not be the role of the staff.*
- *Parents will be offered contacts with outside agencies that could provide help.*
- *The action taken by the Headmaster will depend on the exact nature of the incident and consideration of how best the College and parents can work together to support any pupil involved. Permanent exclusion, however, is the likeliest outcome for the taking, possession or distribution of drugs.*
- *Involvement of the police will be at the discretion of the Headmaster in compliance at all times with the requirements of the Law. Such contact is likely to be through local liaison procedures and not through the emergency services.*
- *Legal advice will be sought as is appropriate and necessary.*