

# Casuarina Street School



## DRUG AND MEDICINE POLICY

### Rationale:

- Casuarina Street Primary includes the pre-school, and we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all members of the school community.

### Aims:

Casuarina Street Primary School aims to:

- provide a safe environment for all members of the school community,
- prevent unsafe and unlawful drug use,
- deliver a relevant drug education program,
- promote healthy living,
- develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes of the school community in order to make informed healthy decisions regarding drugs.

### Definition:

For the purpose of this policy a drug is defined as "any substance, with the exception of food and water, which when taken into the body, alters its function physically and/or psychologically. (World Health Organisation).

Drug	Students	Staff	Notes
Cigarettes and Tobacco Products	✗	✗	Casuarina Street School is a smoke free area.  Where out of hours activities occur, smoking is not permitted on school grounds however the Principal will use their discretion for activities that extend beyond 3 hrs. This may require the designation of a temporary smoking area.
Smoking Equipment	✗	✓	All smoking equipment needs to be secured, out of sight.
Alcohol	✗	✗	Staff consumption of alcohol is not sanctioned where duty of care responsibilities are present.
Volatile Substances	✗	✗	It is acknowledged that some volatile substances may be required in certain situations at school. Eg. paint in the art room, aerosol cans, thinners in woodwork. Approval for use must be obtained from the Principal.
Marijuana, Heroin Cocaine Hallucinogens Amphetamines	✗	✗	
Caffeine	✗	✓	Students are not permitted to consume Caffeinated drinks, as per the DET Canteen and Healthy Eating Policy.
Over The Counter Medicine & prescribed medicine	✓	✓	In relation to students, the appropriate First Aid Officer is to store and dispense all medication only after notification from caregivers.  Students are permitted to carry and self-administer their asthma reliever.
Needles	✗	✗	Except under a medical management plan - eg. diabetic, etc

### **Strategies for Prevention and Intervention:**

- Whole school health promotion and drug education programs - as per the NTCF
- Professional development for staff
- Asthma Friendly School
- Tribes
- Safe Schools NT Framework
- Mandatory Reporting
- Whole school community to follow Protective Practices

### **Procedure for the Disposal of Harmful Substances or Implements:**

- The safety of all members of the school community is paramount in the disposal of harmful substances or implements.
- Staff (not students) are to dispose of harmful substances or implements using a 'common sense approach' and appropriate safety equipment.
- Needles are to be placed in a rigid container and taken to the clinic for safe disposal.
- Harmful substances or implements are not to be placed in the general rubbish.
- In all cases the Principal must be informed.
- Principal to notify police if necessary.

### **Reporting Incidents (Drug Use):**

- Students to report all incidents to staff.
- Staff to report all incidents to the Principal.
- Principal working with appropriate staff to report all incidents to the caregiver of the student.
- Where necessary Principal to report incidents to the police.

### **Consequences:**

- As deemed by the Principal and/or Police.

### **Policy Implementation and Evaluation:**

- Implementation November 2009
- Evaluation November 2010
- Updated policy January 2011

### **Useful Contacts (Contact School Reception on 8971 2643)**

- Principal
- Assistant Principal
- Home Liaison Officer
- School Based Police Constable

### **Telephone Counselling / Information Services:**

- Kids Helpline: **1800 551800**
- Lifeline **13 14 11**
- National Cannabis Helpline: **1800 304050**
- Crisis Line: **1800 019116**

## MANAGING A DRUG RELATED INCIDENT

<b>Situation</b>	Student is under the influence of a drug, is in possession of a drug or substance suspected of being an illicit or unsanctioned drug, or is representing something as an illicit substance.
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<b>Immediate Action</b> 1. Get the facts 2. Inform Principal 3. Contact parents 4. Provide serious Incident report (if appropriate)	Attend to the immediate safety and welfare needs of the student/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolate or get help (duress alarm)</li> <li>• Remove student/s from threat</li> <li>• If student is intoxicated, refer them immediately to school health nurse ↓</li> </ul>
	Inform Principal or delegated staff who will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contact parents</li> <li>• contact police (if illicit substance)</li> <li>• complete serious incident report (if applicable)</li> </ul>



<b>Follow-up Action</b>  Implement school discipline policy  Provide student welfare support  Link students and families with community support (if appropriate)	<i>Substance is an illegal drug or suspected of being an illegal drug.</i> ↓	<i>Substance is a legal drug.</i> ↓
	Notify Police. Request Police to take possession of the illegal substance. Suspend student if circumstances warrant this. ↓	Implement appropriate disciplinary action. Suspend student if circumstances warrant this. ↓
	Seek agreement by student to participate in targeted intervention. If suspended arrange return to school. ↓	Provide student counselling and ongoing support. ↓
	Provide appropriate and ongoing student wellbeing support for the student/s concerned.  Ensure effective implementation of Drug Education in the Health and Physical Education Key Learning Area of the Northern Territory Curriculum Framework (NTCF) across all school years.	

