

GREEN BAY SCHOOL POLICIES

NAG 5 Health & Safety

5.3 Drug Use & Misuse

RATIONALE

Green Bay Primary School is committed to the well being of its students in providing them with knowledge and strategies to make healthy, safe and sensible choices, for both now and in the future.

In the policy –

“**drugs**” are defined as chemicals that alter mood and/or behaviour. This includes alcohol and cannabis.

“**school**” is used for any occasion at school or in which students are representing the school.

“**medication**” is defined as prescribed medicines/drugs or medicines/drugs which can be administered with parental permission.

GUIDELINES

1. Consumption of alcohol by adults at school and staff functions will be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees or the Principal
2. There will be no consumption of alcohol or drugs on school camps. While we would prefer there to be no smoking by adults on camp, where necessary, smoking should only occur out of sight and smell of children, and in accordance with camp rules and expectations.
3. Through planned health education sessions guided by the Health and Physical Education in the New Zealand Curriculum, students will receive level-appropriate drug education.
4. Staff, parents/caregivers will have opportunities to become aware of relevant related drug issues through workshops/education sessions when appropriate (community information /school health programme).
5. The school will only administer prescribed medicine. Parents must sign a request for the administration of prescribed medicine by the school. All medication must be held in the sick bay. This will be recorded and administered by a staff member. The staff member will record in writing any medications which are administered.
6. If it becomes necessary to administer paracetamol in the best interests of the child's welfare, and to enable them to continue to attend school, paracetamol may be administered with verbal parent permission and this will be recorded.
7. The school will take an active role in the assessment, monitoring and feedback of students taking medication for behaviour, and endeavour to work with all agencies involved.

8. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school if there is a change in the administration of medication in any way.
9. If school management come into possession of illegal drugs in the course of their duties, the Community Constable will be notified, and they will be held in a locked cupboard until they can be handed over to the constable.
10. Possession and/or usage by students of cigarettes, alcohol or drugs may result in disciplinary measures, including being stood down.

CONCLUSION:

Green Bay School will support healthy role models and be a safe and healthy environment for all.

Signed: _____
Principal

Signed: _____
Chairperson

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