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PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES POLICY

1. RATIONALE

The Gleeson College Prohibited Substances Policy has been developed in collaboration with the whole College community with the aim to reduce the incidence of problems related to prohibited substances and to address issues which may arise in our school.

2. AIMS

- 2.1 To provide a balanced education and understanding for students, through our core curriculum, of the effects associated with the use of Prohibited Substances
- 2.2 To reduce the effects of the inappropriate use of Prohibited Substances, not only on the individual, but on the College, family and the community
- 2.3 To ensure the standard application of procedures and consequences for students who violate this policy
- 2.4 To protect the safety and welfare of the students and staff within the Gleeson Community
- 2.5 To ensure that within a safe and caring environment, issues surrounding prohibited substances are dealt with in an educated and considered manner

3. BROAD POLICY

The sale, supply, provision, handling, transmission, use and possession of a prohibited substance and / or related equipment by Gleeson College students is strictly prohibited.

This prohibition applies within the College zone (as defined) and at any Camps, Retreats, Excursions or any event formally associated with Gleeson College and indeed while students are identifiable as members of the Gleeson College community such as the Year 10 Dance, Year 11 Semi-Formal and Year 12 Mid-Year Formal.

Violations of this prohibition will be reported to the police.

The consequence of any deliberate violation of the above prohibition could result in a supported transfer to another school campus.

4. GUIDELINES

- 4.1 Gleeson College is proactive through its education programs about Prohibited Substances as well as reactive to the abuse of these substances
- 4.2 Gleeson College reserves the right to search student bags/lockers should it be suspected that Prohibited Substances are being stored. Such searches must be conducted according to established CESA search guidelines
- 4.3 Each instance of prohibited substances abuse should be considered fairly, individually and according to the given set of circumstances

5. BASIS OF DISCRETION

- 5.1 This discretionary consideration will apply only to first offenders. The nature of the prohibited substance and the student’s previous behaviour record will also be taken into consideration
- 5.2 In the event of a student being suspended, any second prohibited substance offence could result in a supported transfer to another school campus

6. EVALUATION

This Policy will be reviewed every three years. This Policy may also refer to the National Drug Education Initiatives for Schools (May 1999). The implementation and delivery of the Pastoral Development Program, specifically with reference to the topic of Prohibited Substances must remain a continual focus for the College. The Principal should consult the Board and all sections of the Gleeson community in what should be an evolving policy, indicating the need for education of the community surrounding the issues.

Signed _____ Principal or delegate

Signed _____ Chairperson of Board or delegate Dated: _____

This Policy now replaces all previous versions and evaluations of this Policy originally implemented in 2012 and subsequently updated in 2017.