

POLICY: DRUG, ALCOHOL & TOBACCO

Rationale

To enhance the process of teaching and learning, Rotorua Lakes High School aims to have drug, alcohol & smoke free students.

Purposes

1. To provide appropriate education through the Health Education curriculum about the use/ misuse of various forms of drugs.
2. To ensure that the consequences of misuse of drugs by students within school related activities are clearly documented.
3. To ensure that correct and consistent procedures are followed for investigation/discipline of alleged drug related incidents by students within the context of school related activities.
4. To empower the Board of Trustees to utilise whatever legal support it deems necessary to achieve a drug free school.

Guidelines

1. 'Drugs' refers to nicotine, alcohol, cannabis/marijuana, e-cigarettes/vaping, chemically manufactured drugs as well as glue, solvents and propellants, where there is evidence that their use is for the purpose of producing a mind altering state. It excludes prescription medicine legitimately brought to school and used under supervision by school staff.
2. This policy applies to Rotorua Lakes High School students within the school grounds at all times as well as to Rotorua Lakes High School students on any school related activity, regardless of location including travelling to and from school.
3. Pro-active, educative measures about drug use/misuse will be implemented through the Health Education curriculum, visiting speakers, and performers.
4. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to carry out random searches using drug sniffing dogs and undertake surveillance.
5. The Board of Trustees delegates responsibility to the school management, the right to seek a drug test if deemed necessary.

REVIEW: This policy will be reviewed according to the Board of Trustees' triennial Programme of self review (JUNE 2022)

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