

Drug Education Policy

For Alvie Consolidated School

Rationale

The use of drugs, including alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceutical drugs, is common in our society. Our students are exposed to drug related issues at home, at school and in the wider community. Appropriate skills and knowledge will be taught to minimise drug related harms for students with a high priority being given to student welfare.

Objectives

- To provide drug education within the ongoing health education program
- To involve staff, parents and the school community in planning and implementing drug education
- To develop supportive procedures for students with drug related problems
- To provide clear guidelines for the recording and administering of first aid and medication
- To provide planned and consistent approach to drug-related incidents (Appendix 9 Managing drug related incidents)
- To provide professional development for staff so that they feel confident in teaching harm-minimisation drug education

Guidelines

1. Consultation will be undertaken with parents, and students to identify priorities
2. Procedures for providing appropriate assistance and support, including referrals, to students with drug related problems will be developed in consultation with staff and community agencies.
3. Guidelines for dealing with drug related incidents will be developed and given to all staff.
4. Guidelines for recording and administering first aid medication will be reviewed.
5. A list of all teachers with first aid qualifications will be given to all staff.
6. Professional development focussing on classroom strategies and on drug related student welfare will be provided as required.

Evaluation of policy

The curriculum committee will be responsible for evaluating this policy.

Indicators of successful implementation will include:

- Documented consultations with staff, parents and the school community
- The development and delivery of units of work
- The use of community resources e.g. The Quit Campaign, community health centre personnel
- Published guidelines for dealing with drug-related incidents ie protocols
- Published guidelines for recording and administering first-aid and medication : (Appendix 8 First-aid and medicines)
- Staff awareness of teachers with first-aid qualifications.
- The provision of professional development for the staff.