

## OKAIHAU COLLEGE POLICY: DRUGS

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### PURPOSE

To promote a drug free school community.

(Note: drugs include alcohol, cigarettes and all illegal drugs)

### POLICY

1. To equip students with the knowledge and skills to make healthy lifestyle choices.
2. To ensure students with drug related problems are helped in a positive and supportive way.
3. To extend drug free education into the community.
4. Disciplinary procedures will be followed when students consume, possess drugs or are under the influence of drugs at school or at any school related activity.

### PROCEDURES

1. The personal development programme within Super Studies will incorporate knowledge and skills related to healthy lifestyle choices. Whanau will be invited to participate in these programmes.
2. The Guidance Network will provide or access appropriate services to support students with drug related problems.
3. The Guidance Network will provide services for:
  - a) Students who consume or possess drugs or are under the influence of drugs at school or at a school related activity.
  - b) Students who self refer.
  - c) Students who are identified by staff, students or whanau as being at risk.
4. Where there is evidence that students are consuming or possess drugs at school or at any school related activity they will be referred to the SMT (Note that "evidence" includes smelling of drugs and behavioural indicators. All teachers are made aware of signs and symptoms of drug use.)
5. Drug related interventions will be made available.
6. Whanau will be invited to participate in all drug related programmes. Where confidentiality is not an issue Whanau will be informed and invited to participate in drug interventions.
7. The Kia Tutaki Mentors and Counsellor are part of the Guidance Network with a specific focus on drug-related difficulties. As such they are required to refer students that are suspected of consuming or possessing drugs to the SMT **unless**:
  - a) The student self refers under the influence of drugs. Kia Tutaki mentors and counsellor will maintain student safety by contacting parents or caregivers before taking them home or providing supervision in a safe place until either the end of the day or when they are considered safe enough to return to class. In either case the Guidance Counsellor must be informed.
  - b) The student discloses drug use within the counselling or mentoring relationship. Counselling continues and confidentiality is maintained.
8. If students give drugs to a counsellor or mentor during the counselling/mentoring process they will dispose of it in an appropriate manner.