



M A R I S T C O L L E G E E M E R A L D

USE OF ILLICIT & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES



Rationale

All students at Marist College have the right to attend a College where their safety and welfare is positively promoted. The Marist College community values the worth of each person and the responses to individual incidents needs to be made in the light of Gospel values of justice, compassion and forgiveness.

Policy

Students of the College will not be involved in illegal or illicit substances while under the College's duty of care. If the College has reasonable grounds for believing a student has breached this prohibition the policy flowchart developed by the College will be followed. If incidents occur outside of the control of the College, for example on the weekend, and the College administration believe these events have affected students, then the College will offer appropriate care and support for students involved.

Consequences

1. The College will follow the Behaviour Management Procedure flow chart for dealing with the Use of Illegal and Illicit Substances.
2. The College will use the Pastoral Care and Behaviour Management Process for supporting and dealing with students involved in illicit substance use.
3. Every student and caregiver on enrolment is expected to understand and sign a contract to uphold the College's expectations and consequences relating to Illicit and Illegal Substance Possession and Use.
4. The College will actively support education of students in the illegality and the negative physical and social consequences of illicit drug use.

Definitions

5. Involvement with illegal and illicit substances is defined as follows;
6. Knowingly having possession of a drug of dependence or illegal substance.
7. Supplying or administering a drug of dependence or prohibited substance to oneself or others.
8. Permitting another person to administer or supply a drug of dependence or illicit substance to oneself.
9. Having possession of a piece of equipment used in connection with smoking, consumption, preparation or administration of a drug of dependence or prohibited substance

Under College duty of care includes the following;

1. In the vicinity of the College
2. At College Events
3. Travelling to and from the College
4. In College uniform
5. On College grounds



Behaviour Management Flow Chart

The Use of Illegal and Illicit Substances The process below is to be completed in a spirit of justice, reconciliation and transparency. The usual legal considerations need to be applied example right of reply and natural justice.

