

## John Paul College Policy

# DRUGS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE and ALCOHOL

### RATIONALE

To provide John Paul College students with an environment free from illegal and non-permissible drugs, substance abuse, alcohol, misuse of prescription medicines and so-called Party Pills.

### PURPOSE

1. To provide a safe physical and emotional environment for all students and staff.
2. To ensure there is a total student ban on cigarettes, alcoholic drinks, solvents, vapes, solvent-based glue, misuse of prescription medicines, pharmacy-only drugs and other dangerous or unlawful drugs and substances including BZP-based party pills and other so-called party pills at the College, College functions, College related events such as sports, cultural or subject trips; while traveling to and from the College and at any other time when identification with John Paul College is possible.
3. The Board of Trustees acknowledges that the John Paul College campus may be used for functions and events by the Principal, staff or outside groups where alcohol may be available to complement that occasion under proper supervision. The Board will encourage and promote host responsibility at all times.

**Note:** *In terms of this policy, so-called Party Pills are described as any pills or potions taken by an individual for the sole purpose of creating mood elevation, psycho-active effect, increased mental alertness, pronounced physical energy and a prolonged state of high euphoria.*

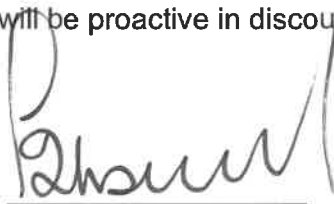
## GUIDELINES

1. The bringing of drugs, alcohol and so-called Party Pills onto the campus is a most serious offence.
2. No person shall, while under the jurisdiction of the College:
  - (a) be under the influence of;
  - (b) have in their possession
  - (c) use;
  - (d) sell or supply;
  - (e) purchase or receive

any controlled drug as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Act of 1975 or any amendment thereto, or conspire to do any of (a) to (e) as listed above.

3. Breach of policy will result in immediate notification to the offender's parents/ caregivers.
4. The offender may be liable for stand-down, suspension, exclusion or expulsion in accordance with the Education Act and the Education (Stand-down Exclusion and Expulsion) Rules 1999.
5. The College will, at its discretion, liaise with the Police on the misuse of drugs, substance abuse and alcohol.
6. The College will be proactive in discouraging the use of drugs and alcohol.

Ratified by Board



Signed for B.O.T Chair

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