



Policy: Smoke, Alcohol and Drug-Free Policy and Procedure

Policy Statement

Jireh Christian School (“the School”) takes seriously its responsibility in accordance with legislation to provide a totally drug-, alcohol- and smoke-free environment for students, staff and all contractors, including visitors to the School. The Bible exhorts Christians to be sober, alert and of sound mind and to treat one’s body with respect and keep it free from defilement. The Bible also cautions God’s followers not to cause a brother or sister to stumble or fall because of one’s actions or inactions. It is therefore incumbent upon leaders, whether in governance, management, teaching or support staff to do everything possible to ensure an smoke, alcohol and drug-free campus.

For the purposes of this Drug-Free Policy, a drug is defined as vaping, illegal drugs as listed in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 (such as, but not limited to, marijuana, methamphetamine or “P”, and psychoactive substances such as “party pills”, “designer drugs”, and synthetic cannabis), inhalants (such as, but not limited to, petrol and solvents), prescription and pharmacy-only drugs and/or medicines used outside medical or pharmaceutical advice and any other substances used for psycho-active effects. The School recognises that the health and well-being of staff, students and other users of the School may be negatively affected by smoking, alcohol and drugs and respects the right of employees to a smoke-, alcohol and drug-free environment.

The School will endeavour to ensure that students do not have in their possession, use, supply, sell, buy, give or exchange cigarettes, alcohol or drugs at School, or on the way to and from School, or at any School function, or arrange any drug-related transactions.

Procedural Guidelines

1. Smoking, alcohol and drugs shall not be permitted anywhere within the buildings or grounds of Jireh Christian School at any time, nor at any official School activity such as field trips, sports events, etc.
2. Contractors and others working within the School property are to be advised of the School’s smoke, alcohol and drug-free policy and that the policy applies to them whilst on the property.
3. Signs prohibiting smoking, alcohol and drugs shall be displayed at the entrance to the School, the staffroom, in the office foyer and any other place or places that the Board may consider appropriate.
4. Complaints with regard to this policy should be made in writing to the Principal or their delegated staff member.

Legislative Compliance

Smoke-Free Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990

Misuse of Drugs Act 1975

New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

Searching Students and Confiscation: General Guidance on Good Practice; Ministry Guidelines for the surrender and retention of property and searches -2014



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