

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS POLICY

Purpose

Christchurch Boys High School is committed to ensuring an alcohol and drug free learning environment. It will achieve this through

- Stating its position on these issues
- Stating how it will deal with any infringement of this policy
- Stating how it will help to increase the knowledge and understanding of students about alcohol and drug issues.

Policy Statement

The possession and use of any alcohol or drug is not permitted on school grounds at any time nor at any school organised trips or activities sponsored by the school.

Any student who consumes, is affected by, or is in possession of alcohol and drugs 'at School' will be subject to disciplinary measures that may include suspension or expulsion. 'At school' includes travelling to and from school every day, whilst in school uniform, and/or representing the school in any school organised trip or any other activity at which the student can be identified as a Christchurch Boys' High School student. An exception to this is the leavers dinner where alcohol may be served. Alcohol and drug use by young people is a concern in our community. Christchurch Boys' High School provides, within the Health Education syllabus, alcohol and drug programmes to help students establish and practise responsible behaviour. Professional help from counsellors and agencies is available to students with alcohol and drug related problems.

Through a School-wide drug and alcohol education programme involving students, parents and the community, Christchurch Boys' High School aims to:

- Foster social and personal skills in students to give them confidence to make responsible choices about alcohol and drug use
- Support students who choose to abstain from alcohol, drugs and cigarettes and to promote preventative alcohol and smoking publicity and programmes
- Ensure that students with alcohol and drug related problems of their own or in their families are treated in a caring and professional way
- Affirm and support the School rules on drinking, smoking and misuse of drugs when involved in School activities, by ensuring students understand them and the consequences of breaking them
- Ensure that the School community supports and makes a commitment to uphold School alcohol and drug policy
- Encourage staff and parents at School-related functions to provide responsible role models and foster healthy attitudes to alcohol & Drugs in the School community

Regulations

Education Act

Crimes Act 1961

Smokefree Environments Act 1990

Adopted by: Board of Trustees January 2008

Next review: December 2010