



Wantirna South
Primary School

DRUG EDUCATION POLICY

Rationale

Drug Education is a joint responsibility between school, home and the broader community. Drug Education will be provided at all levels of schooling, if appropriate and will include specific drug education curriculum as well as resilience education, problem solving skill and appropriate coping strategies.

Drug education will be based on the Harm Minimisation approach.

Expectations

- Drug Education will focus on a prevention model.
- To provide all students with a comprehensive, age appropriate drug education curriculum.
- To ensure that drug education is embedded across all key curriculum learning areas.
- That resilience education forms a strong basis for drug education at our school.

Implementation

- An appropriate drug education curriculum will be provided to each year level.
- **Appropriate resources will be used to enhance the curriculum e.g. Get Real, Get Wise and other Australian Government resources.**
- **Drug Education will take the Harm Minimisation approach, as recommended by department guidelines.**
- Drug Education will be inclusive of resilience education and will encompass problem-solving skills and appropriate coping strategies at all year levels.
- The school will participate in programs such as Life Education that will assist in the implementation of drug education.
- **Professional development will be provided to ensure staff feel confident in delivering drug education.**
- DEECD and Australian Curriculum guidelines and resources will be accessed.
- **The school will provide information sessions for parents around drug education.**
- Issues will be addressed on a needs basis at specific Levels.

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