

KELSO HIGH SCHOOL

POLICY ON DRUGS

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The aim of this policy is to provide a clear statement for pupils, parents and teachers of the rules for pupils and the sanctions which the school will use for any breaches of these rules on smoking, consumption of alcoholic drinks, abuse of drugs (both legal and illegal) and solvent abuse.

For each category the rules will apply to incidents on school premises, within school grounds and when pupils are taking part in any school excursion or activity. If an incident related to alcohol, drugs or solvent abuse occurs while the pupil is on an excursion, he or she may be sent home at the parent's expense. This would include foreign excursions.

In all cases involving alcohol, drugs or solvents, the school, in addition to informing parents, has the right to inform other agencies. These agencies include Police, Social Work and the Health Service.

SMOKING

Rules

- Pupils must not be in possession of cigarettes, tobacco, lighter and / or matches. Any such materials will be confiscated.
- Pupils must not smoke.

Sanctions

- Punishment exercise (standard exercise related to health), to be signed by parent.
- For a second offence, the punishment will be 30 minutes detention.
- Further breaches of the rules may escalate to exclusion for a fixed time.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Rules

- Pupils must not have alcoholic drinks in their possession. Any alcohol found will be confiscated.
- Pupils must not supply alcohol to other pupils.
- Pupils must not consume alcoholic drinks.
- Pupils must not consume alcoholic drinks before coming to school nor before taking part in any school function or activity.

Sanctions

- Parents will be informed.
- Exclusion will be imposed for a fixed period of time.
- If the incident occurs while the pupil is on an excursion, the exclusion may take effect immediately or on return to school.
- Any further breach of the rules on alcohol may lead to the school imposing a permanent exclusion.

ABUSE OF DRUGS (LEGAL AND ILLEGAL)

Rules

- Pupils must not have illegal drugs nor associated equipment in their possession.
- Pupils must not supply any drug, legal or illegal, to other pupils.
- Pupils must not use illegal drugs.
- Pupils must not abuse legal drugs.
- Pupils must not have used illegal drugs before coming to school not before taking part in any school function or activity.
- Pupils must not have abused any legal drug before coming to school nor before taking part in any school function or activity.

Sanctions

- Parents will be informed.
- Exclusion will be imposed for a fixed period of time.
- If the incident occurs while the pupil is on an excursion, the exclusion will take effect immediately or on return to school.
- Any further breach of the rules on drugs may lead to the school imposing a permanent exclusion.

SOLVENT ABUSE

Rules

- Pupils must not sniff glue, nor inhale sprays, nor take part in any form of solvent abuse. Any such materials will be confiscated.

Sanctions

- Parents will be informed
- Exclusion will be imposed for a fixed period of time.
- Any further breach of the rules on solvent abuse may lead to the school imposing a permanent exclusion.