



5.17 HEALTH HARMING AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Health harming and illegal substances, such as alcohol, drugs, tobacco, synthetic cannabinoids, vaping and performance enhancing drugs are present in all communities. Christchurch Girls' High School / Te Kura O Hine Waiora wishes:

- To maintain a smoke and drug free environment.
- To develop in students a sense of responsibility towards themselves and others in relation to alcohol and other health harming and illegal substances by assisting students to understand the effects of health harming and illegal substances, socially and physically.
- To develop in students a sense of responsibility towards themselves, others and society in relation to the use of health harming substances, both legal and illegal.
- To ensure students have an awareness of the school rules in connection with health harming and illegal substances.

PURPOSE:

1. Students are forbidden to be in possession of, or under the influence of health harming and illegal substances such as alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, vaping or other harmful substances or to use these while in school, or at school related activities, or when the student can be identified as a member of the school.
2. Students are forbidden to directly aid, associate with or abet any student to possess or use alcohol, tobacco, legal or illegal drugs, vaping and health harming and illegal substances while at school or at any school-related activity.
3. A responsive action will be taken by the Principal in relation to offenders. In incidents involving illegal health harming substances, the Principal will notify the parents and when appropriate the Police and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.
4. The Principal may authorise consensual searches where the Principal has reason to believe that illegal substances are in the school. If consent is not given by the student, a parent (or parents) may be contacted and asked to come into the school to assist senior staff with such a search.
5. Prescription drugs taken at school by students must have the written approval of a parent and the school office is to be informed.
6. The school office will not distribute painkillers to any day student where an Acland student is involved, the Director of Boarding will be informed.
7. The Health Education programme will include education on the effects of health harming substances on self, others and society. This may include education programmes for the parent community.
8. At any school or school related activity supervising adults will not consume alcohol.
9. Staff accompanying a school-related activity will not consume alcohol. For specific occasions permission must be granted by the Board of Trustees.

Responsibility:	Board of Trustees
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