



PREAMBLE

Stella Maris College (the College) is a school of Good Samaritan Education established in 1931 in the Benedictine tradition. The policies of the College give expression to its values and ethos and/or reflect the legal requirements of a school registered and accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

POLICY

Stella Maris College, in the fulfilment of its duty of care and protection of students, accepts its responsibility under the laws of the Commonwealth and the State. The purchase of alcohol by persons under the age of 18 and the use of illegal substances, including cigarettes, are forbidden by law in NSW. It follows therefore that the use of alcohol or illegal substances in ways that the law interprets as illegal, the bringing of substances onto College grounds or buildings or to any College functions or activities such as camps, excursions or retreats by students is totally forbidden.

PROCEDURE

- Students are educated in the dangers of indiscriminate use of alcohol and the use and abuse of drugs. This is contained within the compulsory curriculum of PDHPE and in Pastoral Care.
- Students are instructed in their observance of legal requirements under Australian Law as it pertains to drug and alcohol use.
- Students are not permitted to be under the influence of, or bring or consume alcohol or any illegal substance while at school, attending any school activity or while under the care of College staff. If a student breaches this rule, parents will be notified and the student suspended until a review of her future continuance at the College is completed.
- The supply of alcohol or illegal drugs by a student of the College to anyone inside or outside College premises is deemed a most serious offence and is strictly forbidden. If a student breaches this rule, parents will be notified and the student suspended until a review of her future continuance at the College is completed.
- Any review of these matters may lead to termination of her enrolment at the College.
- Students associated in any manner with alcohol or illegal drugs while in the College or at any College activity will be referred to counselling regardless of the outcome of any review.
- In these matters the College will cooperate with the NSW Police Force or any other appropriate agency.

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