

SECTION 2: STUDENTS

2.7 SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE

RATIONALE

The Mission Statement of Daramalan College encourages positive attitudes, values and behaviours, which includes respect for self and others. This responsibility has provided the framework for the development and implementation of the pastoral care programme which includes

1. promoting an integrated approach to living that embraces the physical, mental, spiritual and social aspects of life;
2. encouraging our students to make informed and responsible decisions about the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs;
3. treating as confidential, subject to compulsion under law, all communications and other endeavours initiated by or on behalf of a student in the context of medical assistance or counselling for substance abuse;
4. developing a collaborative approach towards educating students about substance use and abuse.

This policy is based on the gospel values of respect and compassion.

POLICY

It is the policy of Daramalan College that tobacco, alcohol and drugs, other than those medically prescribed, are not to be used by or be in the possession of students on College property or at any College function or activity. Whilst the College will exercise pastoral care with regard to students who are victims of substance abuse, it must endeavour to ensure that its students are educated in a drug-free environment. The College will adopt educational, counselling and corrective measures as appropriate or necessary and consistent with the student welfare policy.

APPLICATION

1. The current student welfare policies operating in the College will be followed for students who transgress this policy.
2. The College will incorporate into the curriculum, information which focuses on the use and abuse of drugs.
3. The College will promote the responsibility of each student to maintain a healthy lifestyle and to avoid substance abuse.
4. The College will cooperate with police and other authorities in relation to drug and alcohol abuse.

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