



DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY

All students are expected to be familiar with the policy relating to possessing and/or imbibing drugs and alcohol whilst on school site.

Definition

A drug is defined as any substance, with the exception of food and water, which when taken into the body, alters its function physically and/or psychologically. The policy includes all drugs, such as analgesics, alcohol, cannabis, amphetamines, ecstasy and tobacco. Solvents (also called volatile substances) are also included in the school drug policy.

Duncraig SHS acknowledges that drug use is a complex issue, with a potential for physical, social, and psychological consequences. Duncraig SHS does not permit students to possess drugs/solvents while on school premises, or to:

- Possess or drink alcohol in school.
- Smoke tobacco products (including the use of e-cigarettes) or consume alcoholic beverages
- Possession of any drugs (including cigarettes, pills and alcohol) or being in the company of person(s) using drugs is strictly prohibited
- Deliberately inhale solvents
- Spray deodorants or solvents are not permitted at school
- Possess drug-related equipment except in cases of lawful medical use
- Possession of drug implements (including cigarette lighters and e-cigarettes) are not permitted at school.
- Use prohibited drugs in accordance with the Misuse of Drugs Act (1981)

If a student needs to bring analgesics and/or prescription medication to school, parents must notify in writing the relevant Student Service Manager what the medication is for and for how long the medication will be taken.

External events

All Senior School events are Alcohol Free Events regardless of venue.

Any bag larger than a clutch (0.2m x 0.15m for make-up, feminine hygiene etc.) is not allowed at any externally hosted event. Anyone with a backpack will not be able to bring the backpack into the event venue.

The school as the organizer of events reserves the right to test any student suspected of being intoxicated. Event Task Force (ETF) staff members will be trained to use a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) meter (aka breathalyzer) prior to any external event and the BAC meter will be properly calibrated ready for use by these staff members. A positive reading will be photographed as evidence.

Parents will be made aware that if a student breaks these rules the parent will be asked to come and get them or face a taxi bill for the school to get them home.

STUDENT DRUG EMERGENCY/INCIDENT

