



BALLAJURA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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As part of the REACH philosophy at Ballajura Community College, the health and well-being of all staff and students is central to our core business. BCC has a comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Program integrated into the Health and Physical education programs for all students in Years 7-10.

In addition to this, the College has a strong Student Services team, dedicated to providing pastoral care to students within the College. Students, staff and the wider community can access members of this team for support in relation to drug / alcohol related issues.

Definition:

For the purpose of this policy, 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. This definition includes all drugs such as alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, amphetamines, analgesics etc. While not classified as drugs, solvents (such as glue and petrol) are included in the College Drug and Alcohol Misuse Policy.

Expectations:

Ballajura Community College **does not permit** staff, students or visitors to the College, while on College grounds, at any College related functions or on College camps and excursions to:

- possess and/or smoke tobacco products;
- possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages;
- inhale solvents deliberately;
- possess and/or use prohibited drugs
- Possess drug related equipment such as syringes, bongs, pipes etc.
- Possess excessive amounts of legal drugs (medicines).
- Students are encouraged to only bring sufficient medication for one day's use to the College.

Drug / Alcohol Incident Procedures:

- In the unlikely event of a suspected breach of the BCC Drug and Alcohol Misuse Policy occurring, our primary and immediate concern is for the safety, health and welfare of our students. Parents will be immediately notified and the student supervised at all times.
- Sanctions will be determined on a case by case basis and will only be placed once the welfare of the student has been satisfied. Possible sanctions include, detention, loss of good standing and suspension.
- Students will also be offered counselling by trained College staff or referred to suitable outside agencies.
- Should the breach be related to illegal substances, the matter will be referred to the police and any confiscated illegal material handed over to police.