



ROSMINI HOUSE

St Peter's College • Gore High School

St Peter's College Hostel Charitable Trust Policy on Alcohol, Tobacco, Vaping and Drugs

Reason for the Policy: The Board is aware of its responsibility to ensure the safety of all employees and students in the Boarding House by ensuring there are policies and procedures in place to educate on sensible and acceptable decision making with regard to tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

Objectives:

- To ensure this policy enables the smooth implementation of the Medical Procedure,
- To provide a safe and healthy environment for students and employees,
- To maintain a boarding environment that is a tobacco, drug, and mind-altering substance free zone
- Whilst ensuring the above objectives; having means to provide students, staff and community members with access to any appropriate support measures deemed appropriate by the board or management.

Guidelines:

Tobacco and Vapor:

- The Boarding House is a smoke free zone in accordance with the Smoke free Environments Amendment Act 2003.
- Despite the law allowing some students to purchase and consume tobacco, any boarder apprehended cigarette smoking/vaping, or in company of other student's cigarette smoking/vaping or found in possession of cigarettes/vaping product will required to go through a four step process:

Step 1- Inform. Parents or caregivers will be informed that their child has been involved with smoking/vaping.

Step 2 – Identify. A meeting is scheduled as soon as possible involving the child, the parents/caregivers and the Director of Boarding. The aim of this meeting is to identify the reasons why the boarder is getting involved with smoking/vaping.

Step 3 – Educate. The boarder is given every opportunity to be educated on the health and other implications of smoking/vaping. This could involve meeting with the health nurse, addiction specialists, or watching an educational video.

Step 4 – Act. A plan of action is implemented to give the boarder every opportunity to break the addiction to smoking/vaping.

- If there is a second offence, there will be an automatic 48 hour standdown from the hostel.

Alcohol:

- Although some students can legally purchase and consume alcohol, it is prohibited for them on Boarding House premises, at any place while in school uniform or while attending a function or excursion organised by the Boarding House. Students attending a private party outside of the Boarding House, are not permitted to return to the Boarding House until they are no longer under the influence.
- No person, including supervising adults, shall bring or consume alcohol on Boarding House excursions or outings.
- Alcohol may be consumed on the Boarding House premises by persons legally entitled to do so. Occasions when this occurs should have prior consent by the Director of Boarding or the Hostel Board Chairperson and be controlled and conducted as discreetly and orderly as possible. No person should be permitted to overindulge.
- Students who infringe the Boarding House's regulations involving consumption of alcohol may be stood down or suspended to be brought before the Hostel Board's Discipline Committee.

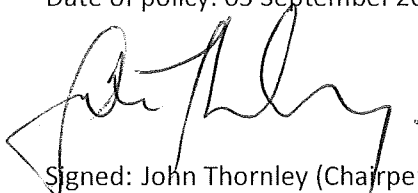
Drugs:

- The Hostel Board will permit its employees to be responsible for dispensing pharmaceutical drugs to students in accordance with the Medical Procedure and the Hostel Regulations 2005.
- Any Student suspected of drug use will be stood down until an investigation is completed. This will include interviewing all concerned and if required, and with parent consent a controlled drug test.
- Students who consume or supply illicit drugs, including synthetic substances while deemed to be under the care of the Boarding House will be stood down or suspended to be brought before the Hostel Board's Discipline Committee.

General

- Persons who reside on site are permitted within the law any substance with relation to the above whilst off duty.
- Persons who live with direct access to students through doors/corridors are not permitted to excessively consume, or host individuals who could pose a due risk to students.
- Any person or persons responsible for students shall not consume alcohol or drugs.

Date of policy: 05 September 2023



Signed: John Thornley (Chairperson)

Date of next review: June 2024