



St Brigid's School

Policy Document

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Substance Abuse Policy

1. Purpose

St. Brigid's School aims to provide an environment that is safe, supportive and nurtures the development of the whole child. Its purpose is to support children so that they may live a healthy and fulfilling life framed within the school Mission, Vision and Learning Philosophy Statements. As such, it values the dignity and worth of each child and honours a commitment to social justice and reconciliation.

This policy comprises two key elements:






- (a) the prevention of substance abuse through education, the provision of information and a school environment that is supportive and safe.
- (b) intervention through appropriate procedures for dealing with incidents involving illicit drugs, or the unsanctioned use of alcohol, tobacco, prescription and over the counter drugs.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, parents, and volunteers at St Brigid's School.

3. Policy

The school is committed to:

-  providing a safe, respectful, and caring environment in which all students can develop spiritually, socially, and academically
-  providing guidelines to staff, parents, students, and volunteers for fostering and maintaining student management
-  providing logical and consistent procedures to be applied across the whole school
-  establishing, developing, and managing teaching and learning environments in which students learn to act with respect towards themselves
-  implementing behaviour related policies and practices that include both prevention and intervention practices

4. Definitions

CESA means Catholic Education SA, including any School or CEO, as the context may permit.

Staff employees of St Brigid's School.

Parent/caregivers- The parent, guardian, or caregiver of a student (singular or plural).

Students – children that attend St Brigid's School.

Volunteer: A person who provides their services to the school free of charge, has a current, valid, police clearance and has completed the school's volunteer induction requirements.

5. Supporting Procedures or Policy Support Documents

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with, and is additional to, any relevant South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS), school or CEO policy, procedure or support document. All Staff are required to comply with the provisions of any such documents, including the following:

 St Brigid's School Grievance Policy

 St Brigid's School Grievance Procedure

 St Brigid's Development of Personal Responsibility Policy

 Policy for the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people

http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/_files/f/2626/Care_Wellbeing_and_Protection_of_Young_People.pdf

 Protective Practices http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/_files/f/18944/2017-0921-

[Protective practices final WEB2.pdf](#)

 Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/curriculum-and-teaching/keeping-safe-child-protection-curriculum>

Responsibility for implementation, monitoring and review of the policy is vested at the level appropriate to the following roles:

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