
THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

DRUG EDUCATION**Rationale:**

Drug Education is a joint responsibility between school, home and the broader community. Drug Education will be provided at all levels of schooling and will include specific drug education curriculum as well as resilience education, problem solving skill and appropriate coping strategies. Drug education will be based on a Harm Minimisation approach.

Aims:

- Drug Education will focus on a prevention model.
- To provide all students with a comprehensive, age appropriate drug education curriculum.
- To ensure that drug education is embedded across all key curriculum learning areas.
- That resilience education forms a strong basis for drug education at our school.

Implementation:

- The school will establish a core team of teachers and community members (Kids Matter Team) to develop and oversee the implementation of a cross-curricula drug education strategy.
- The strategy will include a specific drug education curriculum provided to each year level.
- Appropriate resources will be used to enhance the curriculum eg. Get Real, Get Wise and other Australian Government resources.
- Drug Education will adopt a Harm Minimisation approach.
- Drug Education will be inclusive of resilience education and will encompass problem-solving skills and appropriate coping strategies at all year levels.
- The school will develop a network base of community agencies that may assist in the implementation of drug education.
- Professional development will be provided to ensure staff feel confident in delivering drug education
- The school will provide information sessions for parents around drug education including such programs as Talking Tactics Together and Creating Conversations.

Evaluation:

This policy was originally formed, and will be reviewed in consultation with all members of the wider community (all staff, parents, students, and interested members of the community) as part of the school's five - year review cycle.

References:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/drugeducation.aspx>

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