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PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES POLICY

1. CONTEXT

Nazareth is committed to the core values outlined in our mission statement: we are a Catholic community of welcome, connecting faith, family and education.

2. PURPOSE

In collaboration and consultation with the whole school community this policy has been developed with the aim of reducing the incidence of problems related to prohibited substances and address issues which may arise in schools.

3. RATIONALE

To provide a balanced education and understanding for students, through our core curriculum, of the effects associated with the use of prohibited substances.

To reduce the effects of the inappropriate use of prohibited substances, not only on the individual, but on the College, family and community.

To ensure the standard application of procedures and consequences for students who violate this policy.

To protect the safety and welfare of the students and staff within the Nazareth Catholic Community.

To ensure that within a safe and caring environment, issues surrounding prohibited substances are dealt with in an educated and considered manner.

4. DEFINITION

For the purpose of this policy, the term prohibited substance is any deemed substance or drug, that is banned or forbidden by law or other authority.

5. POLICY

The sale, supply, provision, handling, transmission, use and possession of a prohibited substance and or related equipment by Nazareth students is strictly prohibited. This prohibition applies within the College boundaries and at any Camps, Retreats, Excursions or any event formally associated with Nazareth and indeed while students are identifiable as members of the Nazareth community.

Violations of this prohibition will be reported to the police. The consequence of any deliberate violation of the above prohibition could result in a supported transfer to another school campus.

The College will be proactive through its education programs within the Nazareth Wellbeing Program about prohibited substances as well as reactive to the abuse of these substances.

The College reserves the right to search student bags/lockers should it be suspected that prohibited substances are being stored. Such searches must be conducted according to established CESA search guidelines.

Each instance of prohibited substances abuse should be considered fairly, individually and according to the given set of circumstances.

The Principal has limited discretion to modify the consequence to a period of external suspension of up to two weeks, plus compulsory drug counselling, plus a substantial period of community service.

This discretionary consideration will apply only to first offenders who are students in years 7 – 10. The nature of the prohibited substance and the student's previous behaviour record will also be taken into consideration. In the event of a student being suspended, any second offence may result in a supported transfer to another school campus.

The Principal will have no discretion in regard to students in years 11 and 12, and in regard to students in years 7-10 who sell or supply substantial quantities of a prohibited substance

6. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

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

- Principal
- R-12 Deputy Principal
- Heads of Campus and Campus Leadership Team Members
- House Leaders and Year Level Coordinators
- Class and Mentor Group Teachers

7. REVISION RECORD

The following roles provide a point of contact for the policy and are responsible for its ongoing review:

Policy Leader	Principal
Approval Authority	Nazareth Leadership Team
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