



## ST BEDE'S COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – POLICIES

### CM7 - DRUGS & ALCOHOL

#### RATIONALE

Alcohol and drug use by young people is a concern within our community. The College educates its students with guidelines and programmes on the effects of alcohol and drugs.

#### PRINCIPLES

1. To encourage self-respect amongst students and to discourage the misuse of alcohol and drugs.
2. To foster in students personal and social skills in order to give them confidence in making personal choices about alcohol and drugs.
3. To ensure that students with alcohol and drug-related problems of their own or in their families are helped in a caring and professional way.
4. To affirm students who choose to abstain from alcohol, cigarettes and other drugs and to promote preventative publicity and programmes, for example SADD.
5. To provide staff and parent education about alcohol and drugs so that they can be responsible role models and foster healthy attitudes in the school community.
6. To affirm and support the school rules on drinking, smoking and misuse of drugs in relation to school activities by ensuring that students understand these rules and the consequence of breaking them.

This Board policy is supported by procedures developed by school management.

#### REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION

Crimes Act 1961  
Education Act 1989

#### SCHOOL PROCEDURES THAT RELATE TO THIS POLICY

Name of Procedure	Author	Date	Faculty or Department
School Alcohol and Drug Procedures 2012	Management	Annual update	Senior Management
Policy on Surrender and Retention of Searches	Board of Trustees		

Date approved	17 August 2015	Responsibility:	Community
Review period	Annually	Date last reviewed	17 August 2015