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Drug Testing

RATIONALE

The continuing concern at both community and school level about drug abuse requires us to take every opportunity to ensure that Macleans College remains drug free. The procedure of testing students for drugs under certain circumstances is one measure to ensure this.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

If there is “reasonable suspicion” by a staff member, **in consultation with a SMT member**, that a student is under the influence of drugs and the student refuses to admit that this is the case, then testing will be required. This testing will be arranged by the school and can only be carried out by a local registered medical practitioner. Every effort will be made by the school to notify the parents or guardians immediately of the school’s intention to test a student. The results of the test will be made available to the parent or guardian, the Board of Trustees, the Principal, the school nurse and the counsellor.

If the test is found to be positive the Principal may suspend the student from the school. If a suspension is deemed to be necessary it will be carried out in accordance with the Macleans College Discipline Policy and Directives.

The Board of Trustees, through the Principal, will require a student to be tested for drugs by a registered medical practitioner when that student is applying for readmission to the school after a drug related suspension.

The school will require the student to provide a letter from the registered medical practitioner confirming that the test cleared the student of the influence of drugs.

- Drugs and Alcohol Policy Procedures
- Drug Counsellor