



# DRUG EDUCATION POLICY

## **Rationale:**

- Cana Catholic Primary School is based on the teachings of Jesus and the belief that as followers of Jesus we are meant to live life and live it to the full. Developing our God given gifts and talents for the good of self and others, part of this is the respect we have and the care we take of our own and others mental, physical and emotional well-being.
- 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:**

- A specific drug education curriculum will be provided to each year level.
- Appropriate resources will be used to enhance the curriculum e.g. Get Real, Get Wise and other Australian Government resources, together with Daniel Morcombe and the Three R's Curriculum program.
- Drug Education will take 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.
- Staff will be supported to enable a sense of confidence delivering drug education.
- Regional Drug Education consultants will be used as a resource.
- The school will provide information sessions for parents around drug education, including such programs as Talking Tactics Together, Life Education Van and Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

**This policy was last reviewed in March 2023.**