Drug Policy for King’s Baptist Grammar School  
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Scope of this Policy
This policy outlines the schools position on, and response to drug related events at King’s or at a School related event.

This policy is applicable:
To all staff, students, parents and visitors;
On school premises;
At all functions, excursion or camps organised by the School;
When members of the School community are representing the School or wearing the School uniform both on and off the School campus.

Protecting the school community
Our school is committed to maintaining a safe, secure and supportive environment for its community. This policy links with King’s Drug Education programs, Child Safe Policy and Behaviour Management policies. This policy is based on the belief that the use, possession and/or distribution of illicit drugs and the unsanctioned use and distribution of drugs such as alcohol, tobacco and prescription drugs, is not acceptable at King’s.

School’s Position
King’s does not permit students to:
- Use legal but unsanctioned drugs (tobacco, alcohol, solvents)
- Supply legal to posses, but illegal to supply drugs (such as supplying prescription medication)
- Use, supply or be in possession of, or to be in the presence of those using, illicit drugs (this includes marijuana)
- Be in the possession of drug related equipment

Contact Police
If an illegal substance is found on the school premises, the Principal will notify the Police Liaison Officer. This is applicable to illegal drugs, not implements. The Police should be requested to collect the substance or, by arrangement, the Principal or delegate of the Principal may transport the substance to the police station.

Any subsequent Police involvement will be as the Police Liaison Officer considers appropriate, according to the circumstances.

Investigation protocol
Throughout the investigation period it would be the schools position that the involved student(s) should be isolated from the other students for the student’s own protection and for the protection of the school. This also helps to avoid sensationalism.
The School’s response

Decisions about appropriate action need to take into account the degree of the student’s involvement, whether legal action should be taken and whether Child, Youth and Family Services must be notified. Antecedents regarding the student may influence any decision about the penalty. Principles concerning the rights of the child and the current penalty prescribed by the law will also be taken into account.

When a student is found to have used, supplied or been in the possession of illicit drugs, the normal consequence would be expulsion. In the instance that a student has been in the presence of those using illicit drugs the consequence may range from suspension to expulsion.

Consequences for other breaches of the drug policy include:
- The drawing up of a contract between the student (and parent) and the school
- Detention of the student
- Suspension of the student
- Expulsion of the student

In the case of suspension, keeping up with schoolwork during the time of the suspension will be discussed. Suspension is a penalty and therefore the student and parents will be advised extra work will not be set for students suspended for breaches of the drug policy.

The Media
- All requests from the media for information about drug related incidents should be directed to the Principal, or delegate.
- Issues will not be discussed off the record.
- Where practicable, it is recommended that the Principal or delegate advise the staff and relevant parents before information is provided to the media.
- All staff will respond with a firm “no comment, see the Principal”.

Designated staff
Principal’s delegate: Any of the Directors
Policy Review: The Directors
Student wellbeing: School Chaplains
First aid support staff: Senior First Aid Officer in Student Services
Procedural Observer: Chaplains/Pastoral Teachers/Directors – chosen by the student.

This Policy was formulated by the Principal, Director Senior School, Director Middle School, Director Junior School and School Chaplain. It was adopted by the Director’s on 10th May 2011.