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DRUG EDUCATION POLICY

Purpose:

To provide students with an appropriate drug education program which is based on a harm minimisation approach which plays a counterbalancing role in shaping a normative culture of safety, moderation and informed decision making

Objectives

- To implement relevant and comprehensive drug education as an ongoing component of the curriculum.
- To provide students with appropriate drug education prevention and intervention strategies which enable them to make sound choices and decisions.
- To provide a supportive environment that includes and informs parents and the school community in drug-related curriculum and welfare issues.
- To ensure the review, development and implementation of drug related policies
- To support students' with the development of life skills and protective behaviours
- To promote the range of relationships in which students can engage
- To ensure that students are connected to their schooling
- To emphasise that drug education is subject to external influences such as media, family and peers

Guidelines for Implementation:

- The staff at Wantirna Primary School will oversee the development, implementation and review of the Drug Education Program
- Teachers will be provided with support and resources which links to the Health and Physical Education component of the Victorian Curriculum
- The school and classroom programs will:
    - Provide a range of positive experiences in which students can engage
    - Include content relevant to young people's experiences and interests
    - Increase students' knowledge of and refusal towards both licit and illicit drugs
    - Engage students in critical thinking and problem solving
    - Respond to the cultural and social needs of the school community
    - Engage parents where possible
- This school aims to enhance the emotional, physical and social health of all students. Wherever possible the school will inform and support families and link to student support services officers and or community service providers for counselling and treatment
- Guidelines for dealing with drug-related incidents will be in keeping with the DET guidelines (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/health/Pages/drugeducation.aspx)

- Procedures for storing, recording and administering prescribed medication will follow the guidelines as stated in the First Aid Policy

Evaluation:
Evaluation of this policy will be carried out by the Education Committee as part of the cyclic review process in three years' time or beforehand if a significant issue arises.

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