



IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 5152

# DRUG EDUCATION POLICY

## **Rationale:**

Illegal and inappropriate drug use in schools is a social, health and legal problem that needs to be addressed in accordance with protocols established between the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Victorian Police Force. Appropriate skills, knowledge, values and attitudes will be taught to students to minimise drug-related harm, with a high priority being given to students' welfare. Medication at school is to be processed and managed in accordance with school procedures.

## **Aims:**

To provide a school environment that is free of illicit drugs and safe for all staff and students by:

- providing Drug Education within the ongoing health education program
- involving staff in planning and implementing Drug Education programs/teaching and learning activities
- providing clear guidelines for the recording and administering of first aid and medication at school, on camps and excursions
- providing a planned and consistent approach to any drug-related incidents e.g. syringe safety
- providing professional development for staff so that they feel confident in teaching Drug Education
- managing medication in a safe and responsible manner, and according to school procedures.

## **Implementation:**

- The Life Education program will be used biannually throughout the school as a stimulus and important resource for Drug Education.
- All classroom teachers to update and deliver a Drug Education curriculum each year that is based on the Victorian Curriculum.
- All classroom teachers will be provided with the Iramoo Primary School Drug Education Guidelines that includes Victorian Curriculum content descriptors, achievement standards and related activities for each year level.
- Professional development focusing on current available resources (*e.g. Talking Tactics Together, Resilience and Drug Information Kits*), classroom strategies and drug-related student welfare to be provided as required.
- An action plan for dealing with syringe safety will be displayed in appropriate places throughout the school.
- Guidelines for recording and administering first aid and medication will be reviewed against the DET Guidelines as required.
- An updated list of all staff with current first aid qualifications will be displayed in the sick bay room, office, staffroom and other appropriate places throughout the school.

### ***On camps or excursions***

- Teachers will advise sick bay attendant of the date of the excursion or camp ***at least*** one week in advance, for preparation of necessary medication arrangements.
- At least one week prior to the camp/excursion, teachers will be nominated for the responsibility of administering medication and should complete a checklist indicating the type of medication, dosage, time to be taken and child's name.
- Teachers responsible for administering medication will keep a record of the child's name, dose taken, and the time taken.
- An appropriate first aid kit will be taken on excursions including sporting events and any first aid administered will be noted.
- Follow School Medication policy.

### **Evaluation:**

- The development and delivery of units of work including specialised programs e.g. Life Education.
- Published DET guidelines for recording and administering first aid and medication.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's Drug Education Plan three year review cycle.