

# Epping Boys' High School



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## RATIONALE

*The possession, use and/or distribution of illicit and other unsanctioned drugs are not acceptable in Australian schools and this message will be delivered in a clear and consistent way at Epping Boys' High School.*

Epping Boys' High School promotes:

*Respect  
Courtesy  
Responsibility*

..... and is therefore a school where students, staff, parents and the broader community cooperate to create a learning environment free from the harmful effects of drugs.

Illicit drugs have no place in Epping Boys' High School. Students found in possession of illicit drugs will be suspended and those in possession of legal drugs will be dealt with according to the school policy. Epping Boys' High School believes that a drug-free environment enhances the health and well-being of staff, parents, students and the broader community.

Epping Boys' High School has an education program which promotes an abstinence focus when dealing with all forms of drug use, except for medication. However, some young people need safety messages about risks, how to reduce risks, and how to reduce and stop drug use. The school provides staff and students with the knowledge and ability to deal with the issues surrounding the use of drugs and their abuse.

This policy comes from a genuine desire from students, staff and parents to create an effective, caring and non-threatening learning environment.

## DEFINITION

A drug is any substance (other than food, water and air) that when it enters the body, changes the way the body functions.

Student behaviours prohibited during any school based or school organised student activities are the possession, trading and/or misuse of any legal or illicit drugs:

<b>Legal Drugs Include:</b>	<b>Illicit Drugs Include:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tobacco and tobacco products</li><li>• Alcohol</li><li>• Prescribed medication (OTC)</li><li>• Inhalants (eg glue, solvents)</li><li>• Paracetamol</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cannabis</li><li>• Hallucinogens</li><li>• Heroin</li><li>• Cocaine</li><li>• Ecstasy</li><li>• Amphetamines</li></ul>

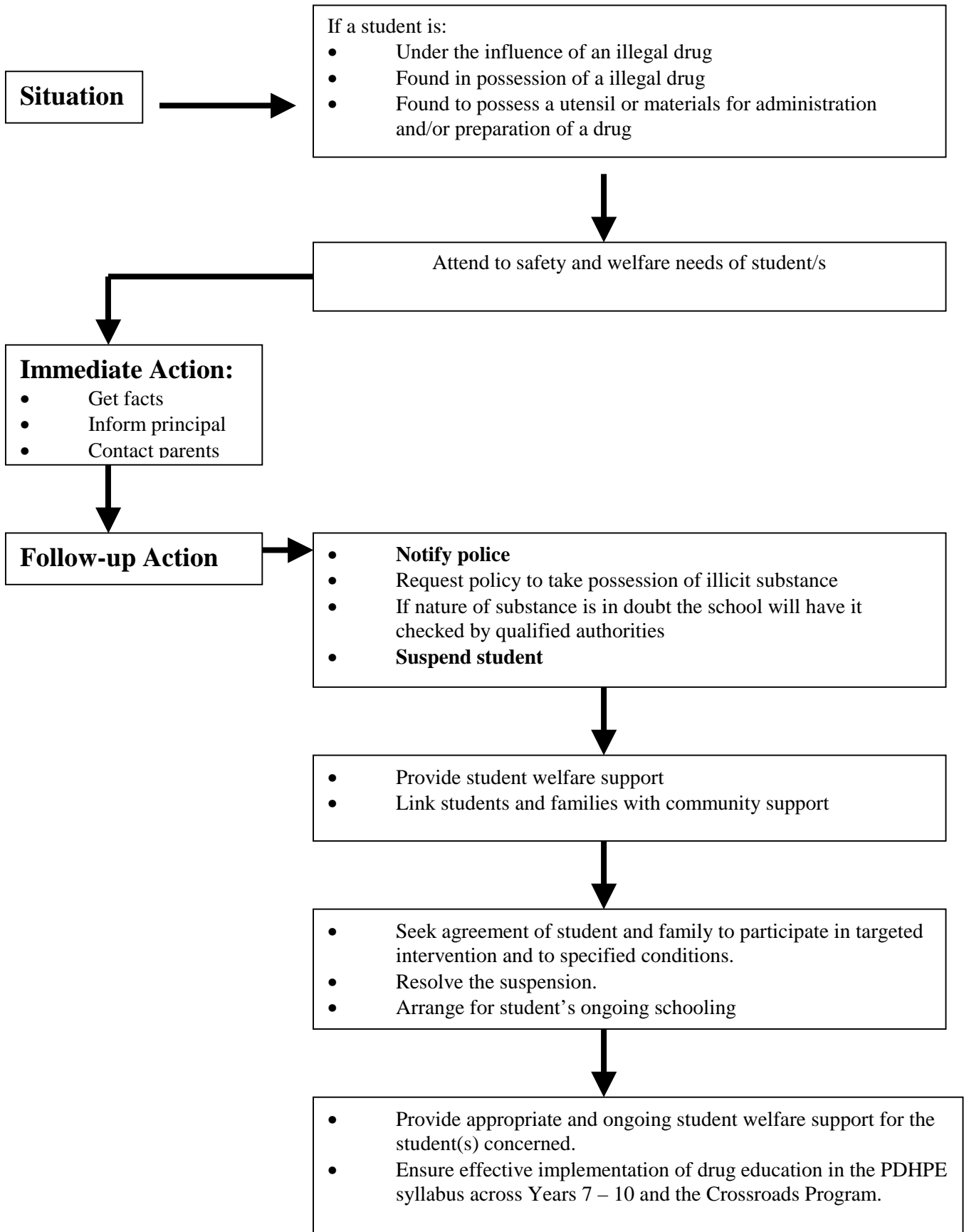
*Note: It is an offence to possess any equipment for use in the administration and/or preparation of a prohibited (illicit) drug.*

## SCHOOL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

School Right to	Means the right to	Responsibilities of
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An environment free from drugs</li> </ul>	<p>attend Epping Boys' High School without the concern that use and/or distribution of illicit drugs will occur on its premises.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Students</b> - to ensure that the learning/school environment remains free from drugs.</li> <li><b>Staff</b> - to provide an environment which is free from drugs.</li> <li><b>Parents</b> – to support and encourage an environment free from drugs.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protection for all members of its community</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>learn/work in a drug free environment.</li> <li>be free from the unfair domination of students who are dealing or taking drugs on site.</li> <li>be free from injury or personal harm that may result from another student who is under the influence of drugs.</li> <li>be free from social harassment from those who are dealing or using drugs.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Students</b> - are to ensure that they attend school free from the effects of drugs (legal or illicit).</li> <li><b>Staff</b> - are to ensure that they attend school free from the effects of drugs (legal or illicit).</li> <li><b>Staff</b> - are to ensure a learning/working environment free from drugs by reporting student/s suspected being under the influence of drugs (legal or illicit)</li> <li><b>All members of the community</b> - to ensure that the school community is drug free.</li> <li><b>Students</b> – to ensure that they refrain from bringing illicit or legal drugs onto the school premises.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education and awareness</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Years 7-10</u> will receive education about drugs and the effects of drugs (long/short term)</li> <li><u>Years 7-10</u> will receive education about the school's Drug Policy</li> <li>Crossroads Program –includes Drug Education and Awareness of Education</li> <li>Staff to be aware of and to be educated about drugs, drug use, and drug abuse.</li> <li>Staff awareness of the Drug Education Policy</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Students</b> - to attend, participate and contribute to the process of education and awareness in the area of Drug Education</li> <li><b>PDHPE Faculty</b> - to educate and increase the awareness of students in the area of drugs, (legal or illicit), through the PDHPE curriculum.</li> <li><b>Staff</b> - to increase their awareness of drugs (legal or legal) and their effects on the broader community.</li> </ul>

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	f. Educate parents and the broader community about drug abuse.	<b>School</b> - to provide education forums and seminars which address drugs, drug use and drug abuse.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access counselling</li> </ul>	Students encouraged to seek appropriate counselling to discuss their drug problems and habits in confidentiality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Student's</b> consultations will remain confidential.</li> <li>• <b>Parents</b> should ensure that their sons seek counselling</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grievance procedures/consequences</li> </ul>	<p>a. All students to be justly dealt with in accordance with school rules and DET guidelines.</p> <p>b. Staff, parents and students to have access and knowledge of ..... procedures and consequences of the use and possession of legal and illicit drugs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School</b> - to provide grievance ..... procedures and consequences to all members of the school community.</li> <li>• <b>Rules and procedures are</b> to be clear, visible and notified in advance to all parties through education. (Yrs 7 – 10 PDHPE program).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search students' bags or other possessions</li> </ul>	<p>a. Search students for illicit drugs, knives, prohibited or offensive weapons.</p> <p>b. Have an independent observer present</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School</b> – seek permission of student prior to undertaking any search.</li> <li>• <b>School</b> – if consent not given and/or safety of others is of concern, student's possession will be withheld for police search.</li> <li>• <b>School</b> – every attempt will be made to contact parents prior to search being conducted.</li> </ul>

## Procedures And Consequences For Dealing With Students Involved With Illicit Drugs



# Procedures And Consequences For Dealing With Students Involved With Legal Drugs

