



KANGAROO INN AREA SCHOOL POLICY

## Drug-related Incident Management Policy

Ratified by Governing Council May 2023  
Review every 3 years

### Authority

This policy is consistent with **DFE Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs incident management protocol 2022**. <https://edi.sa.edu.au/library/document-library/controlled-procedures/alcohol,-tobacco-and-other-drugs-incident-management-procedure>

To ensure continuous improvement, school procedures will be reviewed after every drug-related incident, whilst the policy will be reviewed at least every three years.

### Context and overarching policy statement

Kangaroo Inn Area School is a Preschool – Yr 12 with approximately 112 students. The school is committed to maintaining a safe, secure and supportive environment for its community and recognises engagement in learning as a strong protective factor against drug-related and other risks for young people. This policy links to a range of curriculum; policies and procedures; and positive school environment initiatives.

***Our school takes action to prevent drug use by students and to intervene if it occurs by taking a whole of school approach.***

The use, possession and/or distribution of illicit drugs and the unsanctioned use and distribution of drugs such as alcohol, tobacco and prescription drugs are not accepted. Suspected drug-related incidents will be responded to with a mix of educative, deterrent and disciplinary responses, mindful of the need to consider principles of natural justice and legal obligations and of managing risks for the school and for DFE.

This policy also relates to our school's medication management, WHS and curriculum policies, the Preschool NQS and our school's behaviour code.

Drug education is taught as part of a sequential and developmentally appropriate curriculum and student resiliency and wellbeing are promoted.

Partnerships are made with parents, South Australian Police (SAPOL), local health and community agencies to assist our school to address drug issues.

If suspected drug-related incidents occur and drug issues arise, they will be managed and responded to in ways that:

- minimise the harm to all members of the school community
- ensure the wellbeing, educational careers and ongoing support for the students involved
- are both firm and fair.

## **Procedures for both school and extra curricular activities**

### **Overview**

Involvement with drugs, including illicit and unsanctioned drugs, means that school personnel have reason to believe that, on school grounds or when students are in the care of school staff:

- drugs have been or are being used
- students are or have been in possession of drugs or instruments used with drugs
- students are or have been present when drugs are being used by others.

In the event of a suspected drug-related incident:

- The safety and wellbeing of students will be considered paramount: they may need to be treated as unwell in accordance with the school's health plan and/or emergency procedures.
- Parents will be contacted in instances of possession, use or distribution of drugs.
- Police will be informed in instances of possession, use or distribution of: illicit drugs; drug paraphernalia; and/or illegal behaviour involving legal substances; and/or when an unidentified substance is suspected of being a drug.
- The regional office will be advised when suspected drug-related incidents involve the police and/or when an incident poses a risk to the school or to DFE. The incident will be then recorded through the Incident and Response Management System (IRMS).
- Consequences may vary and will depend on the nature of the situation, its potential for harm and the circumstances of the individual students involved. However, they could involve suspension or exclusion.

**Follow-up support for student wellbeing will be implemented.**

### **School procedures:**

**Designated staff member/s include the Principal / Coordinators follow processes outlined in -**

<https://edi.sa.edu.au/library/document-library/controlled-procedures/alcohol,-tobacco-and-other-drugs-incident-management-procedure>

### **Other contacts:**

**Police:** Phone (local number) or 131444 for attendance

**District Education Office:** Phone 08 87245300

**DFE Legislation and Legal Services** Phone: 08 8226 1555

**DFE Communications Manager (media)** Phone: 8226 7904

**DFE Drug Strategy** Phone: 08 8226 1287

**Child Abuse Report Line** Phone: 13 14 78

**Drug and Alcohol Service South Australia (DASSA) Support line** Phone: 1300 131340

