

Policy: Drug Testing

Policy Statement

The Manurewa High School Board of Trustees recognises the need to provide a safe environment for all staff and students. The use or possession of drugs is forbidden at school, on the way to and from school, and at all school functions. Drug testing provides a means of determining whether a student is under the influence of a drug substance, and/or allows for (with parent consent) testing of students returning to school after drug related disciplinary action (Stand Down or Suspension).

Procedural Guidelines

- If a student is suspected of being under the influence of drugs, they will be referred to the Senior Leadership Team.
- Parents are contacted by Principal/Associate Principal/Deputy Principal and requested for permission to administer a drug test. If parents request to be present, the School will delay testing. If the request is refused, the Principal/Associate Principal will continue with the disciplinary investigation along the usual channels.
- An application for determining a drug substance content is to be used and the test is to be carried out by a trained medical practitioner (eg School Nurse).
- If a test result is positive, the Associate Principal/Deputy Principal will take the appropriate disciplinary action.
- Random testing of students who have returned to school from previous drugs offences would require signed parent/caregiver consent. The parent/caregiver could be required to pay for up to three tests.

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