

## **DRUG EDUCATION POLICY**

### **RATIONALE**

Princes Hill Primary School personnel have the responsibility of providing for the physical, social and emotional needs of each student, whilst in their care.

The school is committed to the values of respect, love of learning and community. We aim to foster the value of resilience in our students.

Princes Hill Primary School believes all students have the right to feel safe and supported in their school community. Issues such as alcohol and other drug use and misuse impact on the school and community.

This school accepts the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to drug education.

### **PURPOSE**

The Princes Hill Primary School community is committed to providing a safe and secure environment where students are given the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in relation to the use and misuse of drugs.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

1. Drug education in the Curriculum will be presented in an age appropriate and sequential manner from Prep-Year 6
2. The Health and Physical Education Curriculum and current drug education resources will provide the basis for planning the Drug Education Program
3. Programs such as 'Life Education' and 'Family Life' and the Transition Programs across the school will supplement the classroom program
4. A variety of teaching strategies will be used to assist students' understanding in an age appropriate manner
5. Relevant communication will be fostered between staff, parents and the community in the implementation of drug education through such things as articles in 'Talking Point', presentations at school assemblies and parent information sessions
6. Appropriate community agencies will be identified for assistance and support
7. The Student Wellbeing and Engagement leader and team members will be responsible for evaluating the implementation of drug education at Princes Hill Primary School.

### **REVIEW**

This policy is to be reviewed in 2013.