SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

Rationale:
Spotswood College is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all staff and students. Staff and students should be encouraged to take responsibility for their own health. Spotswood College seeks to educate students about the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs to assist students to develop strategies to keep themselves safe.

Guidelines:

1. Students are not permitted to smoke, use alcohol, drugs or any substance not prescribed by a medical practitioner which artificially alters the mind or behaviour on Spotswood College's premises or on approved EOTC events. Involvement in the use of drugs or alcohol is a breach of school discipline and will be dealt with appropriately by the Principal.

2. Parents and caregivers will be informed of students found smoking.

3. In accordance with the law, staff and visitors will not smoke on school grounds.

3a Use and possession of 'Vaporisers' (e-cigarettes) is not permitted.

4. There will be a programme of Drug and Alcohol Awareness in the school Health Programme.

5. When misuse of drugs or alcohol is suspected the suspicions must be reported to a member of the Senior Leadership team immediately for investigation. The Principal or Deputy Principal will contact caregivers to discuss the matter if an issue exists. Strategies which may include disciplinary action as well as support strategies may be put in place for the student.

6. From time to time staff may have social functions on the school premises involving the consumption of alcohol, at the discretion of the Principal. The Principal will be delegated the authority to manage the risk and will follow usual responsible host best practice.

Approval:
When the Board approved this Policy it agreed that no variations of this Policy or amendments to it could be made, except with the majority approval of the Board.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 May, 2016.

Signed on behalf of, and with the authority of the Board

_____ on _____ (Date)
Board Chairperson
Due for Review: May 2018.