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Alcuin College is committed to the health and safety of its students and anyone attending at the school. The school recognizes that the use of drugs, tobacco, vapour products, alcohol, certain medications, and impairment generally can have serious effects on students and the learning environment. Accordingly, the school is committed to preventing substance use and impairment on school property, and at all times during school hours. This policy applies to all students of the school.

Alcuin College strictly prohibits students from possessing, manufacturing, offering for sale, selling, distributing, consuming, or using drugs, tobacco, vapour products, or alcohol during school hours, whether on or off school property. These actions are considered harmful to student health and safety, detract from an individual's educational potential, compromise the welfare of others in our community, and, in most cases, violate the law.

Students who promote the use of tobacco, vapour products, alcohol and illicit drugs amongst the Alcuin College community while off campus may also be considered in violation of this policy. This policy also includes any prescription or non-prescription medication or chemical substance not taken in accordance with Alcuin College's regulations on administering medication to students.

Students breaching this policy may be subject to discipline in accordance with the School's Code of Conduct.

### Definitions

- **Drug(s):** includes but is not limited to any substance which affects a person's physical or mental capacity or functioning, which causes a marked change in consciousness, or which has a physiological effect when ingested or otherwise introduced into the body, and includes both legal and illegal forms of such substances, but does not include medications taken pursuant to a valid prescription, and in accordance with a physician's directions.
- **Impaired or Impairment:** a deterioration or diminishment of an individual's physiological ability, functioning, judgment, or condition, and includes but is not limited to being unable to function as that individual does under normal or usual conditions, or safely because of intoxication by any substance.

- School Hours: means the hours of the day when the school is open to students whether or not classes are in session, or any time a student is away from the school on a school-organized trip, including but not limited to times when a student is not actively participating in activities or pursuits organized by the school but is otherwise away from their normal residence due to their involvement in the school-organized trip.
- School Property: includes but is not limited to all real or personal property, facilities, land, buildings, parking lots, equipment, and vehicles, whether owned, leased or used by the School and wherever located.
- Tobacco: means tobacco leaves or products produced from tobacco in any form or for any use.
- Vapour Products: means a solid, liquid or gas that, on being heated, produces a vapour for use in an e-cigarette, regardless of whether the solid, liquid or gas contains nicotine.

Alcuin College promotes a healthy and safe environment. It is a smoke-free working and learning community. The dangers of substance-use and -abuse are addressed in school programmes. School authorities have the right to conduct general inspections of students' bags, etc, to ensure adherence to these policy expectations.

**Acknowledgement**

- Substance Use Policy Template Students: FISA BC