



Loreto Secondary School, Bray

Policy on Drugs, Solvents, Alcohol & Tobacco

It is the policy of Loreto Secondary School, Bray to keep the premises free from harmful/illegal substances. The Pastoral Care Programme includes education on drugs, their misuse and/or abuse, solvent abuse, alcohol and tobacco. The Behaviour & Discipline Policy also refers to these issues and this policy should be read in conjunction with the Behaviour & Discipline Code.

1 Illegal Drugs

It is strictly forbidden

- (i) to be in possession of, to use or to traffic in illegal drugs.
- (ii) to provide information to other pupils regarding contacts or places where illegal drugs may be obtained.

To be engaged in any of the above activities on the school premises or on the way to or from school or at any social or extra-curricular activity organised by the school, is viewed as a very serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken. The disciplinary action will usually be as follows:

- (i) The student in question will be suspended until the Board of Management have had an opportunity to consider her future. Suspension or expulsion will usually be recommended.
- (ii) The Garda authorities will normally be informed.

2 Alcohol

- (i) Students are forbidden to have alcohol in their possession or to consume alcohol (including alcoholic 'lemonade') either on the school premises or when going to or from school or at any social or extra-curricular activity organised by the school.
- (ii) A student who arrives at a school function while under the influence of alcohol will not be admitted. A parent / guardian will be contacted.

Students who offend on items (i) or (ii) above will normally be suspended. The matter will be reported to the Board of Management and the question of the student continuing as a student of the school may be considered.

3 Solvent / Aerosol Abuse

Students may not have in their possession solvents, aerosols or any other substances that could be harmful or open to being abused on the school premises or when going to or from school or at any social or extra-curricular activity organised by the school.

Any student who abuses such substances either in or en route to school will normally be suspended. The matter will be reported to the Board of Management and the question of the student continuing as a student of the school may be considered.

4 Tobacco

Students may not bring cigarettes (including electronic cigarettes), tobacco, matches or lighters to school or to any social or extra-curricular activity organised by the school.

Smoking tobacco or electronic cigarettes in school uniform, on the school premises or on the way to or from school is forbidden. Offenders will usually be dealt with by the relevant Year Head. The sanction for a first offence in this category will usually be detention.

Note:

Any member of the school community who is aware that others are contravening this policy is expected to report the matter to the Principal.

This policy applies to students on the school premises, or on the way to or from school, or involved in school activities, inside or outside school hours.

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