
MEDICATION

Students on prescribed medication are encouraged where possible to take their medication at home.

- Parents/caregivers must sign a permission form for staff to administer at the front office for students requiring medication at school. Written permission and advice from the family doctor may also be required.
- Medication is to be sent to school in a clearly marked container and must be stored at the front office. No medication is to be kept in the classroom or in the child's bag.
- Panadol is not kept on school premises. For students requiring this medication at school parents/caregivers must sign a permission form and provide front office staff with the Panadol.
- Ear and eye drops will not be administered by staff.

It is the parents/caregivers responsibility to ensure that the front office staff has sufficient stock for students who require daily/ongoing medication.

PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES/IMPLIMENTS

Upon finding any potentially harmful substance or implement the student is to stand next to the substance or implement and send another student to notify a member of staff. Under no circumstances are students to pick up or try to dispose of the substance or implement themselves.

- For needles and syringes the nominated staff member should follow procedures outlined in the Occupational Health and Safety Bulletin – 'Handling Used Needles and Syringes' (Appendix 1). For other potentially harmful substances gloves and/or tongs are to be used.
- Territory Health Services or the Police are to be contacted to arrange for safe collection and disposal.

- All students and staff are to be aware of the correct procedures for the disposal of substances or implements found on school premises.

Police will be notified immediately for any illicit drugs.

CONCLUSION

In developing and implementing the Bakewell Primary School Drug Education Policy the school reinforces its role in the prevention of drug abuse problems and demonstrates its responsiveness to an issue of concern.

Bakewell's policy is designed to protect the welfare of students and staff by ensuring that incidents involving drugs are addressed in a manner that reflects the National Drug Policy.

The policy ensures confidentiality and access to support if necessary.

It is designed to provide a consistent approach while ensuring each incident is dealt with according to the nature of the incident as well as maintaining the dignity of all involved.

CONTACTS

Bakewell Primary School	8931 0487
Alcohol Awareness & Family Recovery	8924 3200
Poison Information	131126
Police	131 444
Kids Helpline	131114
Royal Darwin Hospital	8922 8888
Farrer Medical Centre	8931 3366
Dept Health & Community Services	8999 2400
NT Health Direct	1800 186 026
Parentline	1300 301 300

Bakewell Primary School Drug Education Policy



Bakewell Primary School provides a safe, supportive and caring learning environment for all students.

The school has a responsibility to help students gain the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values to make informed decisions about the appropriate use of drugs (including tobacco, alcohol, illicit, pharmaceutical and household) while preserving the dignity and rights of the people involved.

*Strive and grow with respect
and cooperation*

DEFINITION

- For the purpose of this policy a **Drug** is defined as any substance, with the exception of food and water, which when taken into the body, alters its function physically and/or psychologically. This definition includes all drugs eg prescription and ‘over the counter’ medication, analgesics, tobacco, cannabis, amphetamines, ecstasy and alcohol. Solvents, while not classified as drugs are included in this policy.

RATIONALE

- Bakewell Primary School aims to provide a safe learning environment for all students. Children will be encouraged to develop strategies to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- The school drug education policy provides a framework to address alcohol, tobacco and other drug related problems in a caring and consistent manner within the Bakewell Primary School Community.
- Bakewell Primary School aims to address the drug education needs of our school community through a whole school approach.

OUTCOMES

- To promote and maintain a health promoting schools environment in which the welfare of all school community members is paramount.
- To educate staff, parents and children about drug related issues.
- To identify and document the school community’s agreed position on, and accepted procedures for, dealing with drug related incidents.
- To ensure drug education is developmentally appropriate, ongoing and sequential at all year levels.

PREVENTION GUIDELINES

The prevention of unsafe and unlawful drug use is a key role of Bakewell Primary School.

The following preventative measures will be implemented:

Drug education will be included as part of an integrated curriculum for all children at all year levels.

Drug education aims to develop students’ knowledge, attitudes and skills to enable them to make informed, responsible decisions about drug use for a healthy lifestyle.

Professional development in drug education for all staff will be provided.

The opportunity for the involvement of parents and community members in health and drug education programs will be provided.

Regular review of the needs of our school clientele.

Annual review of the school’s drug education initiatives and policy.

INTERVENTION GUIDELINES

Intervention is designed to discourage and therefore, educate the school community against the use of tobacco, alcohol and any substance (illegal or otherwise).

In the case of at risk students, the Principal will be notified and each case assessed on its own diversities.

At all times, respect, courtesy and confidentiality will be given to all concerned parties.

The safety and wellbeing of all students will be given priority.

Whilst on school premises, at any school function, excursion or camp Bakewell Primary School does not permit students to:

- Smoke and/or possess tobacco products.
- Consume and/or possess alcohol.
- Deliberately inhale volatile substances (solvents).
- Possess and/or use pharmaceutical drugs for non-medical purposes.
- Possess and/or use illegal drugs.
- Possess and/or use drug-related equipment, except in the case of lawful medical use.

ACTIONS

Action taken will depend upon the nature of the misdemeanour. In all cases and with all substances the parents will be notified. Follow up/action will be undertaken and will involve the Principal and parents in accordance with the Bakewell Primary School Care and Conduct Policy. All intervention procedures will conform with the requirements of the law.

Smoking (including possession of tobacco products)

The Principal or Assistant Principal will notify the parents/caregivers and a letter will be sent home. Student follow up/consequences will be directly linked to Bakewell’s policy for managing student behaviour. This may include participation in a Drug Education Program.

Alcohol and Solvents

Possession and/or consumption of alcohol or deliberate inhalation of solvents will require the Principal or Assistant Principal to contact parents and send a letter home. School follow up/consequences will be directly linked to Bakewell’s policy for managing student behaviour. This may include participation in a Drug Education Program.

Illicit Drugs

For possession and/or use of illicit drugs parents/caregivers will be informed and the Principal will notify the police immediately. Parents/caregiver will be present at any police interview that takes place. School follow up/consequences will be directly linked to Bakewell’s policy for managing behaviour and conform to the requirements of the law. This will include participation in a Drug Education Program.
