

Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances

Te Kura o Kutarere is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and the community. This policy refers to alcohol, illegal drugs, mind-altering substances, psychoactive substances (such as legal highs, party pills, synthetic cannabis, etc), solvents, and other harmful substances.

Anyone supervising students taking part in any activity organised by, or on behalf of, the school is also bound by this policy.

Prescription and non-prescription medicine required at school by students is managed under the school's **Medicines** procedures.

- Students or staff using medication that may impair their ability to function normally should not be at school.
- **Staff members** or students who are taking prescription drugs to treat a medical condition (e.g. depression or anxiety), and have a doctor's assurance that it is safe to come to school, may possess and/or consume the required prescription drugs at school.

Students

The following conditions apply while on school grounds, while travelling to and from school, while wearing school uniform, or while taking part in any activity organised by the school or on behalf of the school, including EOTC activities.

- Students must not be in possession of, supply, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, mind-altering substances, legal highs, solvents, and other harmful substances.
- Students must not be in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Staff and other adults

Staff and other adults, including volunteers, must not be in possession of, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, mind-altering substances, legal highs, solvents, and other harmful substances on all school grounds, or at any time when they have responsibility for students, including EOTC activities. Staff and other adults must not be in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Alcohol and drugs

Staff will not consume or be impaired by:

- **alcohol** when the school is open for instruction or at any time when they have responsibility for students, including EOTC activities
- **drugs** at any time on school grounds or when they have responsibility for students, including EOTC activities.

Smoking

Te Kura o Kutarere is a **smokefree** school. Smoking, including vaping and e-cigarettes, is not allowed anywhere on the school grounds at any time. School activities away from school, such as EOTC or sports trips, are also smokefree.

