

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

In our education we work with students to be aware of the dangers of addiction. Since, these dangers cannot be always prevented, the College follows procedures as enacted in the National Policy for Substance Abuse, issued in September 2001.

(http://education.gov.mt/en/resources/documents/policy%20documents/tackling_substance_abuse2.pdf)

Signs of Possible Substance Abuse:

- The Student is always tired in Class
- Reddening of the eyes
- Extreme lack of focus or irritability
- Spending a lot of time out of class
- Student is asking for money

Students have a right to a safe educational environment that is conducive to learning and promotes a healthy lifestyle. They also have a right to the protection from any forms of abuse.

It is therefore the obligation of all school staff to ensure a safe environment to students and to protect them from abuse. Substance abuse harms students threatens the safety of the environment and disrupts the educational process. Therefore, substance abuse is not tolerated in schools. It is the duty and obligation of school staff to take all necessary measures to prevent, curb and eradicate substance abuse in schools. The established disciplinary and criminal procedures are to be applied in cases of substance abuse in schools.

Any student abusing or suspected of abusing substances is to be offered care.

Several established disciplinary and criminal procedures are applied when the situation occurs. This can also be found on the above-mentioned link.