

*Dunkeld Consolidated School No. 6215*

## **Drug Education Policy**

**PROGRAM LEADER: Drug Education Co-ordinator**

**COUNCIL RATIFICATION: 28 August 2012**

**Purpose:**

Drug Education is a joint responsibility between school, home and the broader community. Drug Education will be provided at all levels of schooling and will include specific drug education curriculum as well as resilience education, problem solving skill and appropriate coping strategies. Drug education will be based on a Harm Minimisation approach.

**Aims:**

- Drug Education will focus on a prevention model.
- To provide all students with a comprehensive, age appropriate drug education curriculum.
- That resilience education forms a strong basis for drug education at our school.
- Each child is to receive 10 hours of drug education per year.

**Implementation:**

- The school will develop and work from its own Drug Action Plan (see attached).
- The Drug Education program will be taught across the school during Term 3 of each school year.
- Classroom teachers will teach Drug Education to their own classes where possible.
- A specific drug education curriculum will be provided to each year level for teachers to follow.
- A variety of appropriate resources will be used to enhance the curriculum eg. Get Real, Get Wise and other Australian Government resources located in the school.
- Drug Education will take a Harm Minimisation approach.
- Drug Education will be inclusive of resilience education and will encompass problem-solving skills and appropriate coping strategies at all year levels.
- Professional development will be provided to ensure teachers feel confident in delivering drug education.
- DEECD regional Drug Education consultants will be used as a resource.
- The school will provide information for parents about the school's drug education program through newsletter inserts.

**Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review process.