



## Drug and Alcohol Policy

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### 1. Introduction

Amiato Centre recognises the seriousness of the abuse of drugs and alcohol and is committed to assisting our students and parents in dealing with this problem.

### 2. Drug and Alcohol Abuse

The word 'drug' refers to any chemical substance that has the potential to be abused. This includes but is not limited to cocaine, marijuana, ecstasy, appetite suppressants, cough mixtures, glue and correction fluid thinners i.e. not only illegal substance.

The word 'alcohol' refers to any liquid substance that contains alcohol.

Drug and alcohol abuse is the excessive or inappropriate use of drugs and / or alcohol, which results in the impairment of an individual's physical or emotional state of well-being.

Procedures for dealing with problems of drug and alcohol abuse include:

- Drug / alcohol testing and / or drug / alcohol search.

### 3. Amiato Centre Intervention

If there is reason to believe that a student may be using drugs or alcohol, or is suffering at the hands of others who are doing so, the matter should be referred to Amiato Centre management. Steps will be taken to investigate and verify the seriousness of the problem.

The identity of any user of drugs who approaches Amiato Centre will not appear on the Centre records except in the case of a student who does not cooperate and does not register with a rehabilitation programme agreed upon by Amiato Centre, the student, and the parents.

### 4. Drug Testing / Drug Search

If there is evidence of suspected drug or alcohol use, management of Amiato Centre may request a drug / alcohol test. No test will be conducted without the consent of the parent, and such consent shall not be unreasonable withheld. Parents will be liable for the cost of the testing.

The management of Amiato Centre may, if they suspect the use of drugs at Amiato Centre, call in sniffer dogs and / or the police.

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Payer                      Student

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**5. Consent of the Parent**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent name and surname)  
hereby give consent to Amiato Centre to conduct a drug / alcohol test if there is any suspicion of drug or  
alcohol use, as well as random drug tests on \_\_\_\_\_  
(student name and surname).

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) on this \_\_\_\_\_ (day) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Month)  
20\_\_\_\_ (Year).

<b>Student</b> (Full name and ID number)	<b>Signature</b>
<b>Payer</b> (Full name and ID number)	<b>Signature</b>

**Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_