

Jerudong International School - Policy on Drugs.

Students are not permitted to use or possess any drug prohibited by the laws of Brunei. The school actively discourages the abuse of controlled drugs. All drug related incidents will be treated as serious misconduct. Students involved must expect permanent exclusion from the school.

The school recognises that drugs are increasingly available. It aims to equip students with the personal resilience that will help them to make the right choices and stay safe throughout their lives.

Education and Prevention.

The school works to prevent drug abuse through the education of pupils, teachers and parents.

Students are educated about drugs as part of the school PSHE curriculum. There will be a focus both on practical knowledge about drugs as well as interpersonal skills and personal development. Issues broached will include decision making, self-awareness, peer pressure. Through the ethos and values it promotes, JIS will seek to develop in students sensible attitudes. PSHE teaching across the school adopts a frank approach, providing information and discussion opportunities which bring the issues of drugs as a problem of modern society into the open. The aim is to de-mystify drugs and reduce their attraction.

Teachers are educated to detect the physical signs or changes in appearance, attitude and behaviour that result from drug use. Key pastoral staff are also knowledgeable about the equipment used for drug taking. The school intends to provide resources and professional development which reflect current knowledge and strategies.

Parents are encouraged to be vigilant and to participate in the information sessions organised by school. There will be opportunities for discussion regarding student health issues.

Intervention

The Principal will be notified immediately should drugs be found on the premises or in the possession of any pupils. Pupils found to be supplying drugs to others in school can expect immediate expulsion. Pupils found to be using drugs will normally be suspended after the first offence and expelled after the second. It will be necessary to report all incidents to the Narcotics bureau, who follow their own procedures.

Students who remain at the school after a first offence will be required to undertake a programme of assistance, involving compulsory counselling and a health education programme. The school aims to transform the negative trauma of such an incident into a positive maturing experience of learning and reform for the student. Students and parents are expected to sign a contract of commitment to complete such a programme. Compulsory random urine testing may be part of this contract.