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# HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

## Policy on the possession and use of addictive substances

### Annexure 1 of: Policy on the possession and use of addictive substances

#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE LIMITATION PROGRAMME

##### Agreement form

#### 1. PARTICIPATION IN HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL SUBSTANCE ABUSE LIMITATION PROGRAMME

I/we as parents/legal guardians of a pupil enrolled at Holy Cross High School, agree to the participation of ourselves and our /daughter/ward in the substance-abuse limitation programme of the school. We understand and accept that the program will be run within the following parameters:

- 1.1 Random screening for substances prohibited in terms of the Holy Cross High school substance-abuse policy is undertaken at the sole discretion of the principal or his/her delegate.
- 1.2 The learner may seek assistance with substance-abuse at any time before being tested, in which case the approach will be treated confidentially and no disciplinary steps will be taken against the pupil.
- 1.3 There is no obligation on the school, or any individual in it, to inform in advance either the parents or the pupils of the intended testing.
- 1.4 The school will carry the cost of the initial random test applied to any pupil in the school.
- 1.5 Should a pupil return a positive test in respect of any prohibited substance, he or she may be required by the School participate in a counselling and support programme, which may entail further screening for substance-abuse.
- 1.6 Should such screening take place, the cost of re-testing those who have previously tested positive, will be borne by the parents/guardians.

I/we agree further that:

- 1.7 Should medical intervention or psychological support prove to be necessary, the cost of such interventions will be for our account.
- 1.8 Should a pupil test positive for prohibited substances **without** having sought help **prior** to the test, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, neither can immunity from disciplinary action.

#### 2 UNDERTAKING

In keeping with the spirit of the Holy Cross High School substance abuse limitation programme, we also undertake:

- 2.1 To set clear boundaries for our son/daughter/ward concerning the use of tobacco products, alcohol, performance enhancing substances and other prohibited substances.
- 2.2 To desist from providing any prohibited substance (other than tobacco and alcohol) to our child, and those substances only under our **direct, personal supervision** and in an environment where he/she cannot be identified as a member of the ABCD School community.
- 2.3 To refrain from providing any of the substances mentioned in the school's substance-abuse policy to anybody else's child, whether in our home or elsewhere.
- 2.4 To ensure close adult supervision and control at any social function which is held at our home or which may be arranged or organised by us.

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- 2.5 To bring to the attention of the relevant parents, any use of prohibited substances by their offspring, should we become aware of such abuse.
- 2.6 To host other pupils, and to allow our son/daughter/ward to be hosted in other homes, only after the arrangements have been confirmed between the respective parents.

**3 REGISTER OF SUPPORTIVE PARENTS**

Mindful of the magnitude of the social problems related to alcohol- and other substance-abuse in our communities, we agreed to the publication of our names on the register of Holy Cross High School parents who are committed to implementing the substance limitation programme of the school in its entirety.

**Q**Yes    **Q**No

Father/Guardian

Mother

Pupil

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_