

Substance Use Policy

The problem of drug abuse has become a serious problem in our society. The school has drawn up a comprehensive Substance Use Policy, the full text of which is available on our website.

The key paragraph in the policy reads:

School Substance Use Policy Statement

- *Ratoath College does not accept or tolerate the possession, use or supply of banned or prohibited substances and/or drugs paraphernalia, use or supply of alcohol or solvent based substances by any student on the school grounds, in uniform, on school trips and outings or during school-related activities..*
- *Drugs prescribed by a medical practitioner for a particular student are accepted. In such instances the parents must give prior notice to the school authorities of the situation.*
- *Students may not give another student any prescribed or “over the counter medication”*
- *Teachers will not give a student any prescribed or “over the counter medication” except in exceptional circumstances and with the prior consent of the parent.*

Severe sanctions may be imposed (including exclusion) where the school authorities have been satisfied that the policy has been contravened by any student.

Smoking Policy

Ratoath College has a smoking ban. The school is a smoke-free campus. Students/Visitors may not smoke in any area of the school grounds. In the interest of the health of all members of the school community, students should report any incidents of persons smoking on the school campus. For an infringement of this policy, students will be disciplined. They will be suspended if they ate smoking within the school building, their parents may be asked if the school or the students and their parents may be required to be brought before the Board of Management.

Signed _____ Student

Signed _____ Parent / Guardian