

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Newton Moore adopts the two principles behind the Western Australian Strategy against Drug Abuse. They are:

1. Opposition to drug abuse – both with legal and illegal drugs.
2. Educating students about harm reduction strategies – making sure that drug abuse is not encouraged nor normalised.

The school sets out to provide a drug free working environment for both students and staff. This applies to the school environment, at school camps and on school excursions.

At Newton Moore there is a heavy emphasis on prevention. All teaching areas focus on an important outcome – all students value and implement practices that promote personal growth and well-being. As well, within the school's Health Education program, all students are involved in lessons where a range of drug issues are tackled.

If there is a drug incident, parents will be consulted as a first step. A range of disciplinary strategies is available. In addition, the school works closely with the South West Community Drug Service team and a "care plan" may be organised for the student.