GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLINGWOOD AREA SCHOOL
ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY

RATIONALE:
Drug use (including cannabis and alcohol) by young people is a concern in our community. Golden Bay Community wish to support students by providing guidelines on acceptable and safe behaviour in relation to the use of drugs in order to prevent harm to themselves and others.
Golden Bay High School is a smokefree zone.

PURPOSES:
1) To have the same policy at two schools so that there is a consistent message about drugs and alcohol given to the young people of Golden Bay. This policy will also be consistent with the approach of the local police. This approach will use the Rubicon Programme whose basic aim is to provide education and counselling for first time offenders rather than suspension or exclusion.
2) To provide an alcohol and drugs education programme for students at both schools.
3) To foster in students social and personal skills to give them confidence to make responsible choices about alcohol and other drug use.
4) To affirm and support students who abstain from alcohol and other drug use, and to promote preventative publicity and programmes.
5) To ensure that students and staff with alcohol and other drug-related problems of their own or their families are helped in a caring and professional way.
6) To affirm and support the school rules on smoking, consumption of alcohol, and use of other drugs when involved in school activities, by ensuring students understand them and the likely consequences of breaking them.
7) To provide staff and parent education about alcohol and drug use in order to promote healthy attitudes in the community.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES:
1) Alcohol and other drug programmes will be taught by trained professionals as part of an on-going Health Education programme within the school. Those teaching the programmes should receive appropriate and ongoing training.
2) The programmes will be developmental and aim to focus on personal attitudes to healthy living.
3) Factual information on effects of drugs and alcohol on the body and mind will be combined with education on social effects on individuals, families and the community.
4) Any student who consumes, is affected by or is in possession of alcohol or other drugs at either school or on any school activity will be referred to the Principal of that school. The Principal shall notify the police in the case of drug offences. If it is a first offence the Rubicon programme will be offered. For second or further offences the police will be notified and an appropriate course of action determined with them. This could include further counselling as used in the Rubicon programme or a referral to the relevant Board of Trustees.
5) Any student who smokes or is in possession of cigarettes at school or on any school activity will be subject to discipline procedures.
6) The school will attempt to provide support for students wishing to stop smoking or any form of substance abuse.
7) Staff who have evidence or suspicion of student drug or alcohol abuse should refer this information to a member of senior management.
8) There will be no alcohol consumption by staff or parents at any school function or activity unless with the specific approval of the Board of Trustees.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: 23 May 2016
Review date: 2019

GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL
POLICE ACTION PLAN

My full Name is:_____

My parent / caregiver's name is: _____

I live at: _____ phone: _____

My family and I agree to be part of this School and Police Action Plan.

This contract lasts for one year.

1. I will carry out the following:
    - I will undergo random urine analysis for cannabis/drug substances as required by the school representative.
    - I will actively participate in a drug-related education package as directed by the school. This will include regular meeting with an Alcohol and Drug Counsellor.
    - I will undergo counselling with the school counsellor, with whom I shall arrange an appointment at regular intervals.
    - I understand that, whilst at school, I will be restricted to the school grounds, or to any other place as directed by the school representative, during interval and lunch breaks. This will continue until _____

2. We as parents / caregivers will cover the costs of the urine sampling.
3. I/We understand this contract continues until _____ .
4. I/We understand that if I complete this programme as directed, the Police will take no further action in relation to this offence.
5. I/We understand that if I fail to complete this programme as directed, the Police will take further action as they deem necessary, supported by the school.
6. I/We understand that if I complete this programme as directed, the school will not take any further action relating to this incident.
7. I/We also understand that if I fail to complete this programme, I will be placed before the Board of Trustees of the school and they will take action as they deem necessary.
8. All communications in relation to results will come to the school via the doctor involved. Any laboratory involved in the collection or analysis of samples will enter into no discussion.

All results and outcomes in this contract are strictly confidential to the school, Police and family involved.

We have read the School/Police action plan and agree to abide by this contract.

Signed: _____ Student

Signed: _____ Parent

Signed: _____ Principal

Signed: _____ BOT Representative

Signed: _____ Police Representative