



Substance Abuse Agreement

WHEREAS

The Parel Vallei High School (hereinafter referred to as the "School") has adopted a policy regarding the use and possession of various substances in reference to the Western Cape Education Department's Circular 0029/2021. The School is to be considered a 'public space' which prohibits the use or possession of illegal drugs and other substances, including cannabis (dagga).

The parties hereto respectively agree to abide, enforce and promote the rules of the School and standard of conduct set out in this agreement.

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. USE AND POSSESSION OF VARIOUS SUBSTANCES

The School does not allow students to use, be under the influence of or have in their possession at school or any school associated activities or whilst travelling to or from school or whilst wearing a school uniform or representing the school, namely:

- 1.1. Alcohol;
- 1.2. Tobacco & Vape;
- 1.3. Illegal drugs;
- 1.4. Drug related objects and paraphernalia;
- 1.5. Analgesics or medicines excluding only analgesics or medicines currently being used with the knowledge and consent of the parent or guardian of the student in the treatment of an existing condition and in the case of prescribed medicines, upon the prescription thereof.

2. ALCOHOL

- 2.1. The School supports and promotes a responsible approach with regard to alcohol consumption.
- 2.2. Alcohol may only be served at school functions with the prior consent of the principal. Where there is alcohol, non-alcoholic beverages are to be readily available.
- 2.3. Staff and supervising adults are not permitted to drink alcohol during school hours or whilst on duty on school camps or trips.

3. TOBACCO & VAPE

Having regard to the health risks associated with tobacco and vape use, the School is a smoke free zone, provided that adults shall be entitled to smoke in areas at the School specifically designated for this purpose.

4. OTHER SUBSTANCES

The School prohibits:

- 4.1. The use, possession or sale of illegal drugs including the cannabis (dagga);
- 4.2. The illicit use of prohibited drugs including cannabis (dagga);
- 4.3. The inappropriate use of drugs including cannabis (dagga) in sport;
- 4.4. The inappropriate use of prescribed and/or non-prescribed medicines;
- 4.5. The sale, supply or exchange of any of the above substances;
- 4.6. The inappropriate use of solvents, inhalants or other chemical agents.

5. ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1. In reference to the Western Cape Education Department’s Circular 0029/2021 as well as the Western Cape Provincial School Education Act. 1997 (Act 12 of 1997) the School is allowed random searches, seizure and testing for use of illegal drugs including cannabis (dagga).
- 5.2. The School supports a positive and supportive approach which will endeavour to modify any inappropriate conduct of the student.
- 5.3. Notwithstanding the above the School reserves the right, in the case of a breach of any term or condition of this agreement, to:
 - 5.3.1 take appropriate disciplinary steps and apply appropriate disciplinary sanctions;
 - 5.3.2 report any unlawful conduct to the police.
- 5.4. In an event where the School has reasonable suspicion of illegal drug, including cannabis (dagga), use, the following steps will be taken:
 - 5.4.1 the School will inform the parent(s) telephonically of suspicion and request a meeting;
 - 5.4.2 request a laboratory blood test to be administered, at the parents’ expense, and that the results are made available to the School within a reasonable time;
 - 5.4.3 a record will be kept by the School of all steps taken
- 5.5. In the event that the School is of the reasonable view that the student requires treatment or counselling, the student undertakes to submit to appropriate treatment or counselling and the parent/s and/or guardian undertake to pay for such treatment and/or counselling and authorise the respective treatment institution, therapist or counsellor to furnish the School with progress reports upon request, alternatively should the said treatment institution, therapist or counsellor fail, refuse and/or neglect to supply the school with such reasonable reports as it may from time to time require, the student and/or parent/s and/or guardian undertake to supply the same to the school.
- 5.6. The School takes note that although a learner 18 years or older is not allowed to use or possess illegal drugs, including cannabis (dagga), on the school property, the learner may fail a drug test as they are lawfully permitted to use cannabis (dagga) in their private capacity and in a private space (“The Prince Judgment”). In such case the School still holds the prerogative to enforce action as stipulated in 5.4, 5.5 with reference to 5.2.

(Please sign tear-off slip and return with application form)

**PAREL VALLEI HIGH SCHOOL
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AGREEMENT**

SIGNED BY

Student	Print Name	_____
	Signature	_____
Parent/Guardian	Print Name	_____
	Signature	_____
	Print Name	_____
	Signature	_____
The School	Print Name	<u>MR. DM SCHENCK, HEADMASTER</u>
	Signature	_____