

Dear College families,

Last week, three students were required to withdraw from Lake Joondalup Baptist College due to a serious breach of the College's Responsible Behaviour Policy. The possession, use, sale or supply of illicit drugs, including cannabis, is an offence in Western Australia and is against the law.

The College continues to have the strongest possible stance regarding drugs and views all offences involving illicit drugs as a matter of a most serious nature. Therefore any student found using, selling, in possession of or supplying illicit drugs will be immediately excluded from the College following a thorough investigation and appropriate communication and consultation with parents. Appropriate educational pathways and student support will be implemented, including counselling, from outside agencies.

We understand that as parents you want to know that your children will not be exposed to drugs at Lake Joondalup Baptist College. This is a most fair and reasonable expectation. As such, we recognise that our first and primary responsibility to our College community is to keep your children safe, taking all reasonable steps to ensure the safety and welfare of all students, hence our recent action.

I urge all parents to assist the College in maintaining our vigilance in relation to illicit drugs. I encourage any member of the College community who may have concerns regarding the possibility of LJBC students using drugs to contact the Deans of Primary, one of the Deans of Secondary or myself.

Yours sincerely

Daryl Pollard College Principal