



**EDMUND RICE EDUCATION
AUSTRALIA**

Drug and Alcohol Position Statement

**Approved by the EREA Board
28 February 2012**

STATEMENT:

Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) (i.e. National and Regional Offices and Schools) prohibits the use of illegal substances and tobacco on all of its properties. Alcohol shall not be consumed on its premises excepting where specifically authorised by the principal. In such exceptions, all appropriate state or territory's regulations regarding the serving of alcohol outside of licenced premises will be followed.

RATIONALE:

EREA is committed to ensuring that its staff and students feel safe and supported in their educational and work environment. EREA will ensure compliance with all legislative requirements and support the implementation of the Australian Government's *National School Drug Education Strategy* (NSDES) in all EREA schools.

EREA supports the principles for the education of young people in Australia as formulated by the Federal Government as determined in its published guideline *The National Safe Schools Framework* (revised March, 2011). This document outlines the government's framework for all schools that are registered to operate as educational institutions in Australia. As such, each school community endeavours to educate its members about illicit drug use and its harm as well as making it a priority to create a culture of opposition to drugs and in particular a non-tolerance culture to the selling of drugs.

ACCOUNTABILITIES:

The Executive Director has the delegated responsibility from the EREA Board and Principals have the delegated responsibility from the Executive Director to ensure implementation and compliance with each appropriate state or territory Drug and Alcohol regulations as well as *The National Safe Schools Framework* and this EREA Position Statement.