

POLICY NUMBER: SSCPOL020:3**POLICY TITLE: Student Drug and Alcohol**

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1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure students are informed of expectations in relation to Skillset Senior College Limited's (SSC) approach to drug and alcohol.

This policy relates to all SSC students.

2.0 POLICY

Students are not to be under the influence of alcohol, non-prescribed medication or illegal drugs whilst attending SSC.

Any breach of this policy is considered to be a serious offence and the student faces immediate exclusion. Other consequences may include the school contacting the police.

Students are also not permitted to carry onto the property any alcohol, non-prescribed medication or illegal drugs. Any student found to be in breach of this faces the possibility of immediate suspension and potential exclusion following investigation.

Regardless of a student's age, they are not permitted to enter licensed premises during school hours.

Cigarettes**Tobacco and the law in NSW**

Tobacco products are not prohibited drugs as defined by the *Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 (NSW)*. Their possession and use do not constitute an offence. The *NSW Public Health Amendment (Tobacco) Act 1996* states that the sale of tobacco products to people under the age of 18 years is prohibited. A retailer or club that breaches the legislation by selling tobacco to people under the age of 18 years may be prosecuted.

SSC does not encourage students to smoke tobacco products, however recognises that under some conditions it will not be illegal for SSC students to choose to do so. In these circumstances a designated smoking area will be provided. It will be students' responsibility to keep the smoking area clean and free from smoking debris.

Please also refer SLPOL023 "Smoking Policy"; SLPOL011 "Drug and Alcohol" and the SSC Head of College's statement on smoking.

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