



KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

DRUGS POLICY

Drugs and Drug Utensils

Under the *Drug Misuse Act 1986*, drugs and drug utensils are illegal.

Responsibilities

Students

Students must comply with the school's Prohibited Items Policy by not bringing property onto the school grounds or other settings used by the school that:

- is prohibited according to the school's Prohibited Items Policy.
- is illegal.
- puts the safety and wellbeing of others at risk.
- does not preserve a caring, safe, supportive and productive learning environment.
- does not maintain and foster mutual respect.

Parents

Parents/Carers must ensure their child complies with the school's Prohibited Items Policy by not bringing property onto the school grounds or other settings used by the school that:

- is prohibited according to the school's Prohibited Items Policy.
- is illegal.
- puts the safety and wellbeing of others at risk.
- does not preserve a caring, safe, supportive and productive learning environment.
- does not maintain and foster mutual respect.

School

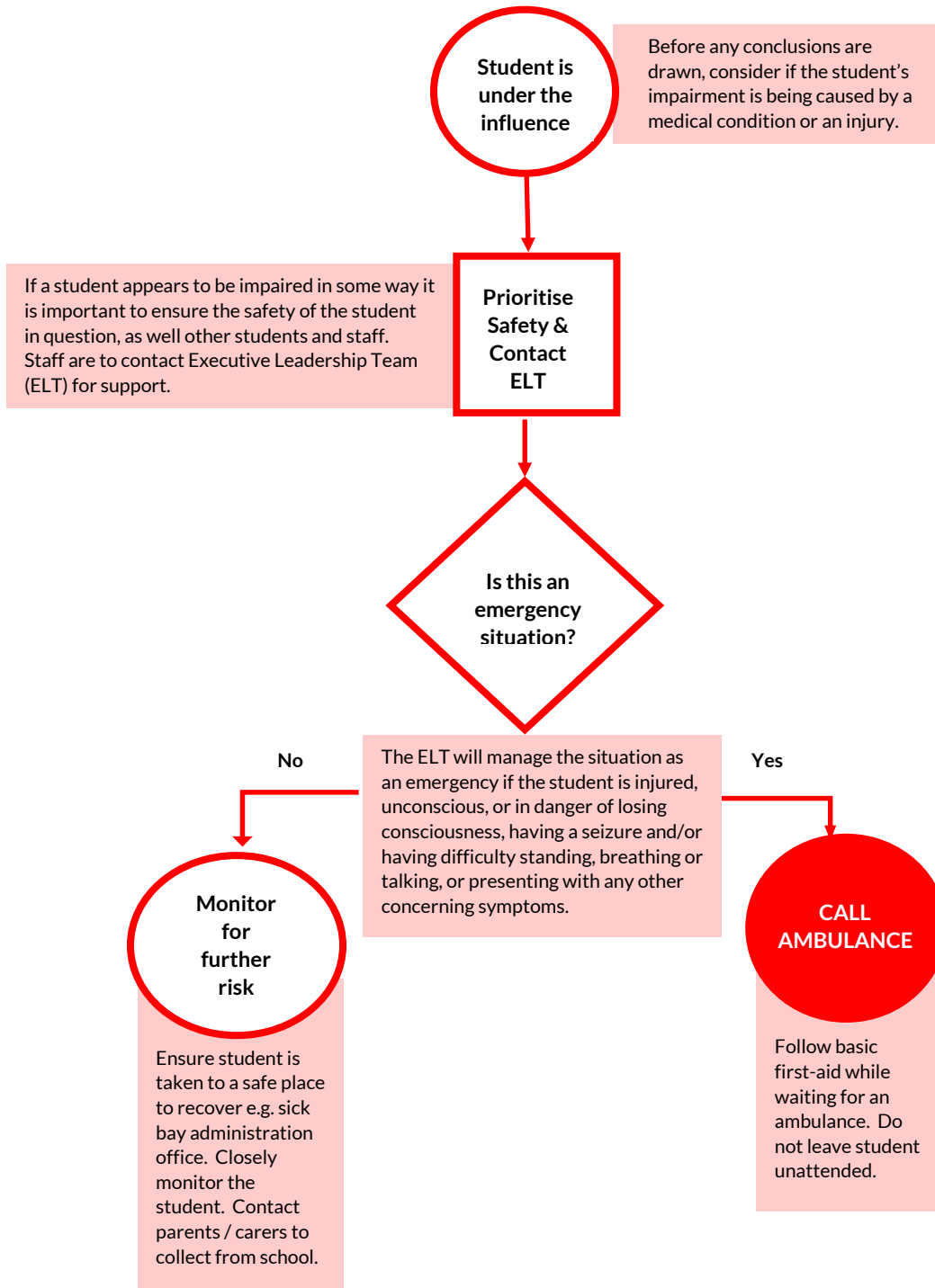
Kirwan State High School will:

- create a safe, respectful and engaging environment by ensuring the consistency of policies and procedures.
- provide education programs to students about the culture, attitudes and social expectations of alcohol consumption, including the risk of binge drinking, illicit drug use, and alcohol and other drug related violence.
- inform parents/carers of school policies and procedures.

Staff must follow school policies and procedures.

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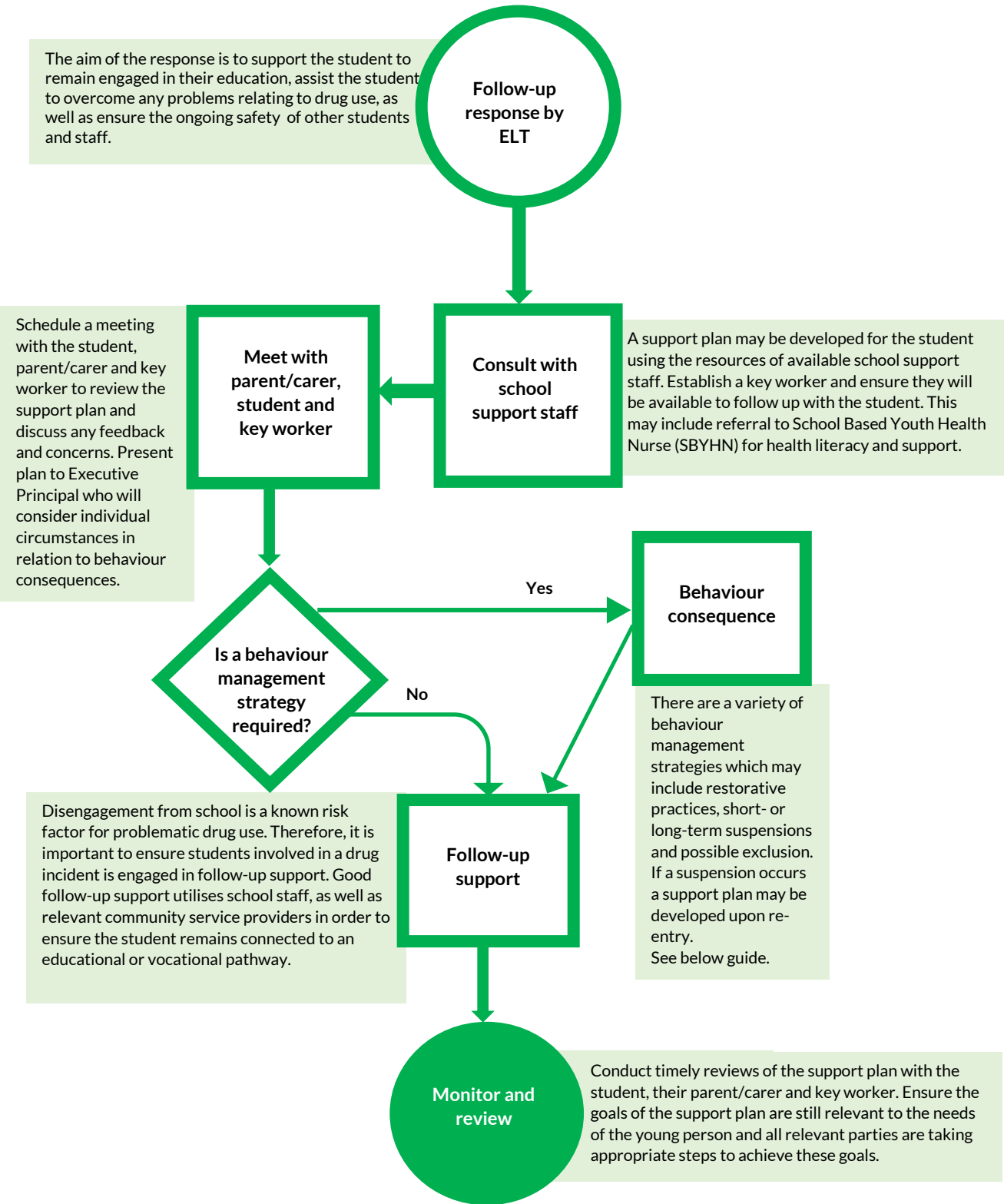
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Consequence Guidelines

Drugs and drug utensils are prohibited item as outlined in the school's Prohibited Items Policy.



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Consideration of Individual Circumstances

Staff at Kirwan State High School consider students' individual circumstances, such as their behaviour history, verified disability, diagnosed mental health and wellbeing, religious and cultural considerations, home environment and care arrangements when teaching expectations, responding to inappropriate behaviour or applying a disciplinary consequence. Kirwan State High School responds to inappropriate behaviour with a restorative approach.

In considering the individual circumstances of each student, we recognise that the way we teach, the support we provide and the way we respond to students will differ. This reflects the principle of equity, where every student is given the support they need to be successful. This also means that not everyone will be treated the same, because treating everyone the same is not fair.

Our staff are also obliged by law to respect and protect the privacy of individual students, so while we understand the interest of other students, staff and parents/carers to know what consequence another student might have received, we will not disclose or discuss this information with anyone but with the student and their parent/carer. This applies even if the behavioural incident involves your child. You can be assured that school staff take all matters seriously and will address them appropriately. We expect that parents/carers and students will respect the privacy of other students and families.

If you have concerns about the behaviour of another student at the school, or the way our staff have responded to their behaviour, please make an appointment with a member of the Executive Leadership Team to discuss the matter.

Help and Support

Kirwan State High School Based Youth Health Nurse. Appointments can be made via the office or email: SBYN@kirwanshs.eq.edu.au

Townsville Community Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs [ATODS]
Monday to Friday: 8:00am to 4:00pm
35 Gregory Street, North Ward
Phone: 07 47 789677 or 24/7 -1300 64 22 55

Consultation

The Kirwan State High School Drugs Policy was developed in consultation with the school community, including:

- Teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Student Representative Council.
- Parents & Citizens (P&C).
- School Council.

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Review

Kirwan State High School Drugs Policy will undergo annual minor updates to reflect changing circumstances, data and staff.

A fulsome review is conducted in line with the scheduled review process for the School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting cycle.

Endorsement

The Kirwan State High School Drugs Policy has been informed by:

- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.
- Department of Education: Student Discipline Procedure.
- Kirwan State High School Student Code of Conduct.
- Kirwan State High School Prohibited Items Policy.
- Kirwan State High School Temporary Removal of Student Property Policy.

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