

Drug dogs for schools

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POLICE will use sniffer dogs in a fresh assault on drugs in WA schools.

At least three WA high school principals have asked for the dog squad to track down students suspected of dealing drugs such as cannabis and amphetamines.

Police say they have worked through legal issues and now have the green light to use sniffer dogs to search for drugs at schools.

The dogs - a german shepherd and four teams of labradors - will be sent in when local detectives have intelligence of drug dealing on school grounds and obtain a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

"We have received inquiries about putting the drug detection dogs into schools," said Sen-Sgt Bryon McLaughlin, the officer in charge of the dog squad.

"It'll be searches of lockers and schoolbags and classrooms. The dogs' sense of smell is a million times more advanced than a human's, so they are very effective at detecting illicit substances."

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