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ALCOHOL ON SCHOOL PREMISE POLICY

Purpose:

To explain when alcohol can and cannot be consumed:

- at functions on school premises
- at school functions held outside the school premises
- during school camps or excursions.

Guidelines:

- School Council approval must be obtained before alcohol may be consumed on school premises or at any school functions held outside school premises.
- School Council must ensure that the legal requirements for the sale and/or provision of alcohol in public situations, at school functions, are enforced
- The consumption of alcohol by any underage person, including students, at school, or any school organised activity, during school hours, is prohibited
- If school council approves the consumption of alcohol on school premises, they will ensure adherence to the responsible service of alcohol requirements see: Department of Justice [Licensee Obligations](#).

Implementation:

Functions on school premises or held outside school premises

When considering whether to allow the consumption of alcohol on school premises, School Council will:

- consider the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* from which schools are not exempt
- advocate that no alcohol be consumed or sold at school events, when children are present. Prior to each event, an advertisement will state, 'The school would prefer that no alcohol be brought to this school event.'
- make decisions regarding applications to allow the purchase or 'bring you own' consumption of alcohol, for school events, on school premises or held outside school premises, for functions when children will not be present.
- support students not being involved in fundraising events which have an alcoholic beverage as a prize.

Examples of the type of applications that the school council may approve are:

- private functions organised by the school council, if students are not present
- outside organisations hiring or leasing school buildings
- private staff functions which exclude students.

Note: Further information, including types of liquor licenses, and when a licence is required can be obtained from Department of Justice - Responsible Alcohol Victoria.

School camps and excursions

Staff must:

- act in accordance with their duty of care to students, which is in force during the entire time of the camp or excursion
- be aware that the consumption of alcohol by staff during camps or excursions is inconsistent with the standard of professional conduct necessary to maintain community confidence in these activities

Evaluation

School Council will be responsible for the implementation and evaluation of this policy. This policy will be reviewed by the school council at least every 5 years, or earlier in special circumstances, and is scheduled for review in **2022**.

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