

ALCOHOL POLICY

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to

- Ensure that staff, parents and the community are aware of restrictions on the provision, consumption and serving of alcohol within the school or at a school organised activity
- Ensure the legal requirements for the sale and/ or provision of alcohol in public situations at school functions are enforced
- Encourage the responsible servicing of alcohol in keeping with the cultural context of Wheelers Hill Primary School

1 Guidelines

- 1.1 To maintain a high level of safety and a positive environment for children
- 1.2 To follow all Department of Education guidelines regarding the provision, consumption and serving of alcohol
- 1.3 To adhere to appropriate State liquor licencing regulations
- 1.4 To clearly define acceptable behaviour of the school community for the provision, consumption and serving of alcohol within the school or at school organised activities

2 Implementation

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

- the [Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 \(Vic\)](#)
- school community attitudes
- other relevant local school policies

CONSUMPTION AND PROVISION OF ALCOHOL ON SCHOOL PREMISES AND DURING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

2.2 School council may approve private functions organised by the council if students are not present. These may include

- private functions organised by School Council if students are not present
- outside organisations hiring or leasing school buildings
- private staff functions that exclude students
- school fundraising functions or events on school grounds

2.3 Alcohol shall NOT be provided, consumed or served:

- During school hours when students are present
- At activities, fundraising events or functions that have been designated by School Council as alcohol free events. In these circumstances parents are to be informed that the relevant events are alcohol-free
- On school camps, school excursion or school sports days (both at the activities and/ or in transit)

2.4 If school council approves the consumption of alcohol on school premises, they must ensure adherence to the responsible service of alcohol requirements. Further information, including about types of liquor licenses, and when a licence is required can be obtained from the [Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation](#), phone 1300 182 457.

If a Temporary Limited is required, the event organisers must ensure that they submit to School Council for approval prior to an event an operating procedure outlining how the sale or consumption of alcohol is to be managed

SPONSORSHIP OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

2.5 Sponsorship or advertising by companies whose business involves the sale, provision or consumption of alcohol may only be undertaken with the approval of School Council

SCHOOL CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS — STAFF

2.6 School staff should be aware that 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
- is considered unwise
- could lead to allegations of negligence and loss of WorkCover rights

3 Evaluation

3.1 The Education Sub-committee will review the effectiveness of the school's Alcohol Policy on a cyclic basis in accordance with DET Policy Framework and Guidelines.

Documents related to this policy

Information on Licences available can be obtained from the [Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation](#), or by phone 1300 182 457

Department of Education guidelines <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/alcohol-school-events/policy>

<u>Policy Area</u>	<u>Ratified by School Council</u>	<u>Next review</u>
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