

## Alcohol Policy

*We are a Child Safe School and we will protect all children at all times.*

**PROGRAM LEADER: Principal and School Council Members**

**COUNCIL RATIFICATION: 28 July 2015**

### Purpose:

To explain when alcohol can and cannot be consumed:

- on school premises
- at school functions off the school premises
- during school hours
- during school camps or excursions.

### Policy

Schools must:

- obtain school council approval before alcohol may be consumed on school premises
- ensure the legal requirements for the sale and/or provision of alcohol in public situations at school functions are enforced
- prohibit the consumption of alcohol by students at school, or any school organised activity, during school hours

**Note:** If school council approves the consumption of alcohol on school premises they must ensure adherence to the responsible service of alcohol requirements see: Department of Justice [Licensee Obligations](#).

### Functions on school premises

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

- the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* from which schools are not exempt
- school community attitudes
- school policies related to drug education and health and wellbeing.
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Examples of the type of applications that the school council may approve are:

- private functions organised by the council outside regular school days and hours (i.e. 8.30am to 4.00pm).
- outside organisations using school buildings and ovals (example the Grampians Cricket Club between October to March, but at no time during school days between school hours) .
- private staff functions which exclude students.
- School functions arranged outside school hours (for example a working bee, fund raiser or a dinner arranged by P & F or Kitchen/Garden).

**Note:** Further information, including types of liquor licenses, and when a licence is required can be obtained from Department of Justice - Responsible Alcohol Victoria, phone 1300 650 367.

### Functions off school premises

When alcohol is sold at School Council approved functions off premises (i.e. Races Marquee, School ball/dance, retirement function) students under 18 may only be present if they are:

- accompanied and under direct supervision by parents/guardians or a spouse over the age of 18.
- engaged in a hospitality training program, employment or work experience.
- approved by the Director of Liquor Licensing under section 122 of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.
- on premises which have an 'on premises' license granted as a restaurant and the function occurs during regular trading hours.
- attending a function as approved by Liquor Licensing Victoria taking into account the above requirements.

**Note:** A temporary liquor licence is required for events where 'payment' is required to attend the event and the ticket price includes the supply of alcohol and/or over the counter sales.

**Important:** Students should not be involved in fundraising events which have an alcoholic beverage as a prize.

### Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Reference: DEECD School Policy & Advisory Guide August 2011