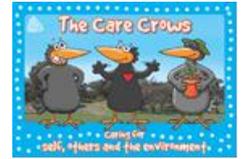




ALCOHOL

POLICY



Rationale:

- Alcohol, although legal, is considered one of the most harmful drugs affecting young people today.
- Alcohol education will sit within the context of our school's drug education program.

Aims:

- To provide accurate information regarding the effects of alcohol on the body.
- To ensure students have the necessary knowledge and skills to make positive informed choices over their use of alcohol.
- To clearly define the processes required when alcohol has been brought on to the school property or a student, staff member or parent has attended school clearly under the influence of alcohol.

Implementation:

- Alcohol education activities will be provided, ensuring age appropriateness, as part of our school's drug education program.
- Where appropriate, our school will access agencies within our local community with expertise in the field of alcohol education to participate in classes e.g. local Police, Community Health Service, Drug & Alcohol counsellors.
- Any lessons taught regarding alcohol will be delivered within the context of a Harm Minimisation approach to drug education.
- Consumption of alcohol at school events held off premises is subject to laws associated with provision of alcohol in public places.
- Students are not permitted to bring alcohol on to school grounds under any circumstances, and a suspension from school will be a likely minimum outcome.
- Should a parent or staff member present as intoxicated on the school premises the Principal will be advised, and consequences of such behaviour will be implemented in line with our school's duty of care responsibilities. The intoxicated person will be asked to leave the school premises, with the possibility of police involvement at the discretion of the principal.
- School Council approval is required before alcohol can be consumed on school premises.
- In doing so, Schools Councils must comply with the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998

Alcohol may not be provided or consumed by Staff or Parents under the following circumstances:

- On school premises on normal school days between the hours of 7.30am to 3.45pm, hereafter to be known as the prescribed school hours.
- Whilst attending:
 - Activities or functions that are student centred including but not limited to student concerts, sleepovers, student dances, and student sausage sizzles.
 - School excursions, both on the excursion or in transit.
 - School camps both at the campsite or in transit.

- School sports days both at the activity and in transit.

Alcohol may be provided, consumed or served in moderate quantities on school premises under the following circumstances:

- o At the conclusion of working bees that are conducted outside the prescribed school hours.
- o Whilst attending:
 - School fetes that are conducted on outside the prescribed school hours; weekends or public holidays.
 - Fund raising activities that are conducted outside the prescribed school hours.
- o Where a <http://www.vcglr.vic.gov.au/home/liquor/> is submitted at least 35 days prior to the event.
- o The event where alcohol is provided, consumed or served has a defined starting and finishing time.
- o Where outside organisations are hiring or leasing the school buildings.

Restrictions on persons providing, consuming or serving alcohol:

- o No person under the age of 18 may serve or consume alcohol at a school function.
- o The serving of alcohol ceases at least 30 minutes before the event concludes.
- o All events where alcohol is present on school grounds require the Event Co-ordinator to be mindful of and comply with the Alcohol Policy.
- o Where children are present at school functions and alcohol is to be available for adults, alcohol will only be available on a BYO basis and consumed in a designated area. Exemptions to this will apply if the event is a fundraising event and profits of sales of alcohol go the school.
- o Parents are required to model appropriate and responsible behaviour at all times.
- o For events where children are not present and the Event Co-ordinator/Committee propose to sell alcohol at the function, where the profits of sales of alcohol go to the school, prior approval must be sought from School Council. A Liquor Licence will be required.

For such events, the following applies:

- At least one volunteer parent/adult with a Responsible Serving of Alcohol (R.S.A.) certificate must be present at each event where alcohol is served.
- Sufficient non-alcoholic drinks must be available.
- The bar must be closed 30 minutes before the scheduled end of the event.
- No alcohol to be consumed on the school premises after 11:00pm.
- Each event must have a designated area where alcohol can be consumed.
- School Council may agree to add to this policy on a case-by-case basis for specific events.
- In some instances the Event Co-ordinator and School Council may agree to the provision of a bar at an event where children are present, (such as the Fete). Where children are present at school functions with alcohol, there must be a designated serving area where children are not permitted.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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