

POLICY ON ALCOHOL AND THE SCHOOL

NB: For policy regarding student use of alcohol, see Drug Education and Management of Drug Issues

POLICY STATEMENT

The Board accepts that alcohol is freely used in society, but in the school environment there needs to be carefully defined parameters about its usage.

PURPOSE

To ensure that alcohol use on school premises or at school functions or on school trips does not compromise the safety and welfare of staff, parents or students.

GUIDELINES

1. Alcohol is only permitted at staff social functions at school after obtaining the permission of the Principal. On those occasions when alcohol is served by staff or outside groups:
 - (a) Non-alcoholic drinks will be made available
 - (b) Food will be provided
 - (c) Adults are asked to drink sensibly and moderately.
2. The consumption of alcohol should not be the primary purpose of any parent/teacher gathering on school premises.
3. Consumption of alcohol must never compromise the safety and welfare of students. Where staff or adults have responsibility for student welfare, at least one of that group should avail themselves of non-alcohol drinks.
4. No alcohol should be sold on the school property for the purpose of raising money where minors have access to alcohol.
5. No alcohol should be offered as prizes at school functions where minors are able to purchase tickets or receive alcohol.
6. No staff member while acting in the capacity of a staff member, shall give alcohol to a student or enable a student to obtain alcohol in any school related function.
7. Staff should ensure that they are not involved in providing students with alcohol (unless the student is their daughter) or consuming alcohol with students in a situation which may bring the school into disrepute.

COMPLAINTS

A staff member, student or member of the public is able to complain that the school's policy on alcohol has not been upheld. The complaint is to follow the school's complaints procedure.

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