



ALCOHOL POLICY

Rationale:

Alcohol, although legal, is considered one of the most harmful drugs affecting young people today. As such it will not be tolerated on school grounds.

Aim:

To clearly define the processes required when alcohol has been brought on to the school property or a student or staff member has attended school clearly under the influence of alcohol.

Implementation:

- Where appropriate, our school will access agencies within our local community with expertise in the field of alcohol education to participate in classes eg. 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.
- School Council approval is required before alcohol can be consumed on school premises. Schools Councils must, however, comply with the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998.
- Consumption of alcohol at school events held off premises is subject to laws associated with provision of alcohol in public places.
- A clear protocol will be developed for addressing the issue of a student, staff member or community member attending school or a school function clearly under the influence of alcohol, or students consuming alcohol at school or during school functions.
- The consumption of alcohol by staff members on camps or excursions is most unwise, is strongly discouraged and may compromise a staff members professional standing, their ability to carry out their duty of care, and/or loss of WorkCover rights. Students consuming alcohol on a school camp or excursion will be immediately returned to school, their parents (and police, if under age) will be contacted.
- 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.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was ratified by School Council on December 6 2011.

Signed By:

The Principal _____

School Council President _____

Date: ____/____/____