

Alcohol at School Events Policy



Rationale:

- Alcohol, although legal, is considered one of the most harmful drugs affecting young people today. Ormond Primary School conducts many events at the school during the school year and it is necessary to establish a policy regarding the consumption of alcohol that is relevant to such events, that complies with the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* and follows Department of Education guidelines.
- Schools provide opportunities for parents of students to mix, socialise, share common experiences and build community links and some functions creating these opportunities may be conducive to the consumption of alcohol.
- The responsible consumption of alcohol by adults is accepted during appropriate social interactions and community activities.

Purpose:

To clearly define when alcohol can be brought on to and consumed on the School's property for school events.

Aims:

- Alcohol consumption will be restricted to adult focussed activities which are conducted outside normal school hours and which students are not expected to attend.
- The consumption of alcohol at school events will be managed in a legal and responsible manner.
- Alcohol consumption by adults is actively discouraged during student focussed activities, both during school hours and after normal school hours.

Implementation:

School events where children are present

- Where children are present at a school event there will be no consumption of alcohol.
- Alcohol will not be sold and will not otherwise be permitted at events where children are expected to be present.

School events where children are not present

- The Principal and School Council will approve any adult/community focussed activities to be conducted outside school hours.
- For events where children are not expected to be present, School Council approval is required before alcohol can be consumed on school premises. School Council must comply with the *Liquor Control Act 1998* in granting approval.
- Alcohol must not be consumed at any school activity unless the Principal and School Council have approved the consumption of alcohol at that activity.
- Each activity must have event organisers who have been approved by School Council.
- The event organisers will ensure that all required local government and other permits have been obtained to enable the consumption of alcohol prior to the event.

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- The event organisers will ensure that all adults attending the event abide by the 'Responsible Serving of Alcohol' requirements.
- The event organisers will nominate an approved person who holds a current RSA Responsible Serving Alcohol certificate to manage and supervise the serving of alcohol at the activity.
- Sufficient non-alcoholic drinks must be available.
- The event organisers will ensure that there are appropriate systems in place to responsibly manage the consumption of alcohol by adults.

References:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/alcohol.aspx>

Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority **Child Safety Standard 3.**

Renewal and Approval:

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