

## PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

### **POLICY: Alcohol Policy**

**PROGRAM LEADER: School Council, R. McKinlay**

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### **RATIONALE**

While alcohol consumption is a part of Australian society, people have different expectations about what is reasonable and responsible in different settings. This policy will frame the parameters in which alcohol can be served and consumed at Parkhill school functions and events, complying with Liquor Licensing Laws and following guidelines proposed by DEECD.

### **AIMS**

1. For all parents, staff and community groups to model appropriate behaviour in relation to alcohol consumption
2. To clarify situations within the school environment and during school events when alcohol can be served and consumed
3. For alcohol to be served and consumed responsibly
4. To comply with Liquor Licensing laws

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- **Alcohol may not be provided or consumed by staff or parents on school premises under the following circumstances:**
  - 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:**
  - At the conclusion of working bees that are conducted outside the prescribed school hours.
  - At school social events that are conducted outside normal school hours, such as, but not limited to: Twilight Sports & Father and Son/Daughter events
  - 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.
    - Other occasions at the discretion of the Principal.
  - Where a <http://www.vcglr.vic.gov.au/home/liquor/> is submitted **at least** 35 days prior to the event.
  - The event where alcohol is provided, consumed or served has a defined starting and finishing time.
  - Where outside organisations are hiring or leasing school buildings.
- **Restrictions on persons providing, consuming or serving alcohol:**
  - No person under the age of 18 may serve or consume alcohol at a school function.
  - The serving of alcohol ceases at least 30 minutes before the event concludes.
- All events where alcohol is present on school grounds require the Event Coordinator to be mindful of and comply with the Alcohol Policy.
- 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 to the school.
- Parents are required to model appropriate and responsible behaviour at all times.



- For events where children are not present and the Event Coordinator/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 Coordinator 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 four year review cycle.

### **REFERENCES**

- DEECD - School Policy and Advisory Guide:  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/alcohol.aspx>
- Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation  
<http://www.vcglr.vic.gov.au/home/liquor/>