

ALCOHOL AT SCHOOL EVENTS POLICY



PURPOSE

This policy sets out the circumstances in which Frankston Heights Primary School may or may not allow the consumption of alcohol on school premises or at school events or school-approved activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the Frankston Heights Primary School community (staff, parents, students, volunteers and visitors).

POLICY

Frankston Heights Primary School will adhere to the legal requirements for the sale and provision of alcohol at school-approved activities, including those held off school premises.

Functions on school premises

Frankston Heights Primary School will obtain school council approval before alcohol may be consumed on school premises.

When considering whether to allow the consumption of alcohol on the school premises, the school council should consider:

- the [Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 \(Vic\)](#)
- school community attitudes
- any relevant local school policies e.g., Child Safety Policy.

Examples of the type of applications that the school council may approve are:

- private functions organised by the school council if students are not present
- outside organisations hiring or leasing school buildings
- private staff functions that exclude students
- school fundraising functions or events on school grounds such as the School Fair.

If school council approves the consumption of alcohol on school premises they will ensure adherence to the responsible service of alcohol requirements. Further information, including about types of liquor licenses, and when a licence is required can be obtained from the [Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission](#), phone 1300 182 457.

Functions off school premises

When alcohol is sold at school functions off school premises, students under 18 may only be present if they are:

- accompanied and under direct supervision by a parent/carer over the age of 18
- engaged in a hospitality training program, employment or work experience
- approved by the Director of Liquor Licensing under section 122 of the [Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 \(Vic\)](#)
- on premises which have an 'on premises' license granted as a restaurant and the function occurs during regular trading hours

- attending a function as approved by the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission taking into account the above requirements.

A temporary limited liquor licence is required for events where payment is required to attend the event and the ticket price includes the supply of alcohol and/or over the counter sales. The [Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission](#) will advise on whether a licence is required and the requirements for applying for a licence.

School camps and excursions – staff

All school staff, volunteers and visitors should be aware that consumption of alcohol during camps or excursions is prohibited.

For information on alcohol consumption by students, including on camps and excursions, refer to the Department’s policy on [Alcohol and Other Drug Use – Students](#).

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways

- Available publicly on our school’s website
- Included as annual reference in the school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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