

ALCOHOL AT SCHOOL EVENTS POLICY



PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the circumstances in which alcohol may or may not be consumed, sold or supplied at Frankston Heights Primary School, including on school premises and at school-approved activities or events. This policy ensures compliance with legislative requirements and supports the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the Frankston Heights Primary School community, including staff, students, parents/carers, school council members, volunteers, contractors, visitors and any external organisations using school facilities.

POLICY

Frankston Heights Primary School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and child-safe environment. The consumption, sale or supply of alcohol at school events will only occur where appropriate, lawful and approved in accordance with this policy and relevant Department of Education requirements.

Alcohol at Functions on School Premises

Alcohol must not be consumed, sold or supplied at functions on school premises unless prior approval has been granted by the School Council.

When considering a request to allow alcohol on school premises, School Council will consider:

- the requirements of the [Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 \(Vic\)](#)
- the Department of Education's relevant policies and guidance
- the school's Child Safety Policy and other relevant school policies
- the nature and purpose of the event
- the presence of students
- community expectations and any potential risks to the safety and wellbeing of attendees.

Examples of functions that School Council may approve include:

- private school functions where students are not present
- school fundraising events, such as the School Fair
- approved external organisations hiring or leasing school facilities.

Where approval is granted, Frankston Heights Primary School will ensure:

- all applicable liquor licensing requirements are met
- responsible service of alcohol requirements are complied with
- alcohol is served and consumed in a manner that promotes the safety and wellbeing of all attendees
- appropriate supervision and risk management arrangements are in place.

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.

Alcohol at School-Approved Functions Off School Premises

Where alcohol is sold or supplied at a school-approved function held off school premises, all legislative and licensing requirements must be met.

Students under 18 years of age may only attend functions where alcohol is available if permitted under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 (Vic)*, including where they are:

- accompanied and directly supervised by a parent or carer aged 18 years or over
- participating in an approved hospitality training program, employment or work experience
- attending a venue or function where their attendance is permitted under Victorian liquor licensing legislation.

Where required, the event organiser must obtain an appropriate liquor licence. A temporary limited liquor licence is required where:

- alcohol is included in the ticket price; or
- alcohol is sold during the event.

Event organisers should seek advice from the [Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission](#) regarding licensing requirements.

School Camps, Excursions and Other Student Activities

The consumption of alcohol by staff, volunteers, contractors or visitors during school camps, excursions or other school activities involving students is prohibited.

Staff are expected to remain fit to perform their duties and uphold their duty of care at all times while supervising students.

The possession, consumption or supply of alcohol by students at any school activity, including camps and excursions, is prohibited and managed in accordance with the Department of Education's [Alcohol and Other Drug Use – Students](#) policy.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- The Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):
 - [Alcohol and Other Drug Use – Students](#)
 - [Alcohol at School Events](#)
- [Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 \(Vic\)](#)
- [Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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