



# Alcohol Consumption Policy

## Aim

The aim of this policy is to provide guidance and clarity to the school community of Orrvale Primary School around alcohol consumption within the school and at school organised functions or events.

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to explain when alcohol can and cannot be consumed:

- on school premises <sup>(1)</sup>
- at school functions off the school premises <sup>(2)</sup>
- during school hours <sup>(3)</sup>
- during school camps or excursions.

## Governance

This School Policy is drawn from the following legislative obligations, guidelines and procedures;

- Department of Education, policy and advisory guidelines
- Education and Training Reform Act 2006
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Liquor Control Reform Act 1998

## Policy & Procedures

### General

- Alcohol must not be consumed on school premises during school hours by any person
- Alcohol must not be consumed by any person when they are directly responsible for student supervision.

### School Functions

Consumption of alcohol is permitted on social and school fund raising occasions that involve staff, parents or carers provided ALL the requirements set out below are met on every occasion;

- a) The function does not occur on school premises during school hours
- b) Students are not under the direct supervision of teachers and there is no continuing responsibility for any student by any staff member during the function
- c) The function, event or social occasion is endorsed and authorised by the School Principal.

Consumption of alcohol at planned private staff functions held on or off school premises is permitted provided that ALL of the requirements set out below are met;

- a) It does not occur during school hours
- b) Students are not under the direct supervision of teachers and there is no continuing responsibility for any student by any staff member during the function
- c) The planned function is approved in advance by the Principal.

*Note: A temporary liquor licence or appropriate venue 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.*

## Definitions

- 1) **School premises** is an on-site location at Orrvale Primary School where the school children are being educated.
- 2) **School function** includes all learning, educational, recreational, sporting and social occasions that are organised by the school or with the assistance of school staff. It also includes all social and fundraising activities, events or camps organised by and for the school by the Parents and Friends, School Council or any other organising committee representing Orrvale Primary School.
- 3) **School hours** are determined by the current Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA) of 15mins before instruction commences and 15minutes after instruction finishes.

## Key Links to the Policy

- Department of Education and Early Childhood, Victoria. [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)
- Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation. [www.vcglr.vic.gov.au](http://www.vcglr.vic.gov.au)
- Victorian Government Law & Justice. [www.legislation.vic.gov.au](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au)
- Work Safe Victoria. [www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/home](http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/home)
- Australian Government National Drug Strategy. [www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au](http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au)
- VGSA Agreement (2013) <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/Documents/VGSA-2013.pdf>

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