

Alcohol at School Events Policy

Rationale

As people have different expectations about what is reasonable and responsible for alcohol consumption in different settings, this policy clarifies the position of alcohol consumption at Birralee PS events.

A school event is an event that has been ratified by School Council. It does not include private events that are held away from school premises and organised by parents or guardians.

Schools have a duty of care owed both to students and staff, to ensure that supervision of children is appropriate at all times.

Staff, parents and the school community have an important role to play when modelling healthy attitudes and behaviour towards alcohol, to children.

Aims

1. This policy aims to provide guidance and clarity to the school community about when alcohol can and cannot be consumed.
2. The provision, consumption and serving of alcohol within school premises, or at a school event must comply with Department of Education's (DET's) *Schools' Policy and Advisory Guide* (SPAG) and the State Liquor Licensing regulations

Implementation

1. Alcohol **must not** be provided, served or consumed when students are present on school premises or at school events away from the school premises.
2. Alcohol **may be** provided at school events after prescribed school hours (whether on or away from the school premises) where children are **not** present. Alcohol may be available or offered for sale, provided that the following procedures are in compliance:
 - a. prior approval is sought from School Council.
Examples of the type of applications of which the School Council may approve include; private functions organised by School Council, outside organisations hiring or leasing school buildings or private staff functions which exclude students
 - b. School Council or a committee organising an event must nominate and appoint an Events Co-ordinator who must comply with all State Liquor Licensing regulations and obtain necessary permits within 30 days of the proposed event

- c. all advertising for a school event should stipulate the start and finish times of the event. This is necessary, as alcohol must cease to be served one hour prior to the designated finish time
 - d. at least one volunteer parent with a Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate must be present at each event where alcohol is served
 - e. non-alcoholic options must be readily available
 - f. each event must have a designated area where alcohol can be consumed
3. Students must not be involved in fundraising events which have an alcoholic beverage as a prize.
4. It is the role of the Principal (or their representative), to determine how to respond to students who have been drinking during school hours and/or who have brought alcohol onto school premises. Such incidents are to be treated seriously and the Principal should notify the police if the source of the supply (such as a retailer), can be identified.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the School's three year review cycle.