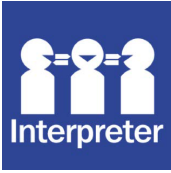


BRIGHTON BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL



BBPS Alcohol At School Events Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the front office on 8524 6100.

PURPOSE

Schools must adhere to the legal requirements for the sale and provision of alcohol at school-approved activities of any kind, including those held off school premises. Brighton Beach Primary School (BBPS) actively discourages alcohol consumption by adults during child focused activities, both during and after normal school hours on and off the school premises.

AIM

BBPS supports and promotes the position of the Department of Education with regard to alcohol, notably that:

- Schools must obtain school council approval before alcohol may be sold and/or consumed on school premises.
- Schools must adhere to all legal requirements for the sale and provision of alcohol at school events.
- Schools must prohibit the consumption of alcohol by students at school, or any school organised activity, during school hours.
- Alcohol consumption should be restricted to school events which are conducted outside normal school hours and which students are not expected to attend on and off school premises.
- All parents/carers, staff and school event coordinators are to be made aware of the Alcohol at School Events Policy and to model appropriate behaviour in relation to alcohol consumption.

POLICY

Schools must adhere to the legal requirements for the sale and provision of alcohol at school-approved activities of any kind, including those held off school premises.

Functions on school premises

Schools must obtain school council approval before alcohol may be consumed on school premises.

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

- the [Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 \(Vic\)](#);
- school community attitudes; and

- any relevant local school policies.

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

- private functions organised by the 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.

If school council approves the consumption of alcohol on school premises they must 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](#).

Students must not be involved in fundraising events that have an alcoholic beverage as a prize.

Functions off school premises

When alcohol is sold at school functions off school premises, students under 18 may only be present if one or more of the following applies, 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

School staff should be aware that consumption of alcohol by staff during camps or excursions is:

- inconsistent with the standard of professional conduct necessary to maintain community confidence in these activities
- is considered unwise
- could lead to allegations of negligence and loss of WorkCover rights.

A definition of school staff can be found at [Staffing – roles and responsibilities](#).

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](#).

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTATION

School related policies (found School Website) and documents include:

Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy

Supervision and Duty of Care Policy

School Camps and Outdoor Education

[Safe Schools](#)

[Supports and Services](#)

[Program for Students with Disabilities](#)

REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

To ensure ongoing relevance and continuous improvement, this policy will be reviewed every two years.

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