



St Joseph's Catholic School

Queenstown

ALCOHOL POLICY

RATIONALE

St Joseph's Catholic School accepts its obligation to provide a healthy, safe and lawful work environment for staff and students. As the law restricts the consumption of alcohol by people under the age of 18, the consumption of alcohol on school property and/or at school functions is closely monitored and restricted to adults under specific conditions. Alcohol consumption on school property and/or at school functions may contravene duty of care by staff or may project our school in a manner detrimental to its reputation and community standing.

AIM

- To provide a healthy, safe and lawful environment.

PROCEDURES

The consumption of alcohol by adults on school property and/or at school functions is only permitted subject to the following conditions:

- The function is designated only for adults, though children may be included in the attendance.
- Children are not permitted to have access to the alcohol at the function.
- The Principal is to be formally consulted and informed in writing that alcohol is to be served at the proposed function.
- The organising group has successfully applied for and received a licence for alcohol to be served at the venue.
- Distribution of alcohol is bound by the regulations of that licence.

- Distribution of alcohol shall be in such a way as to preclude comment or potential difficulties within or outside the school community.
- The consumption of alcohol during school-related educational activities, such as school camps, is not permitted.
- Students are not permitted to be on school premises under the influence of alcohol, or to possess or consume alcohol at school or at school-related activities such as excursions, camps, dances or celebratory dinners. Students who do so will be required to comply with sanctions consistent with the school's code of conduct.
- The school will ensure that non-alcoholic drinks are available at school activities.
- Teachers and other adults must take a responsible attitude toward alcohol consumption and must not compromise their duty of care toward students.
- Teachers and other adults are not to consume alcohol in the presence of students whilst engaged in school-related activities.
- The consumption of alcohol by staff involved in outdoor education activities is not permitted.
- The consumption of alcohol by teachers and other assisting adults when on duty may jeopardise their rights under the Workers Compensation Act, or result in a charge of negligence in the event of a mishap to a student.
- The health risks associated with alcohol and making informed choices about alcohol will form part of the Health curriculum. (Refer to *Drug Education Policy*)

*This policy will be reviewed as part of the
St Joseph's Catholic School policy review cycle.*

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