



Alcohol (Service and Consumption within the Premises)

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The management of the consumption of alcohol and the observed behaviour of others around alcohol is a key issue in creating life-long health protective factors. Alcohol receives wide and prominent endorsement throughout our society, most particularly through sporting events. In addition, we know that the best way to prevent future harm as a result of alcohol consumption is to delay the introduction of alcohol to any individual as long as possible.

St Peter's College Policy

St Peter's College is committed to providing a safe environment for all our students, staff, contractors, community members and visitors. It is our policy that:

- BYO alcohol is not permitted on School grounds (except where the express permission of the Headmaster or his delegate has been gained).
- In the event that alcohol is served or consumed as part of an activity or function on school premises, the activity/function must have the express permission of the Headmaster and the steps outlined in this policy in relation to the service of alcohol must be observed.

Alcohol at School Functions

The Headmaster (or his delegate) is responsible for granting permission for activities to be held on School premises at which alcohol is to be supplied, sold or consumed. He is responsible for ensuring that all requirements relating to the sale or supply of alcohol, as detailed in the liquor licensing laws, are met including laws relating to the responsible service of alcohol.

Any decision as to whether to permit the service of alcohol shall take into account issues related to the duty of care owed both to students and staff, community standards and expectations, and the reputation of the School.

In the event that the service or the consumption of alcohol is permitted at a School function or on School premises:

- The School's contracted caterers will need to be engaged to provide and serve the alcohol responsibly OR an agreed party will be responsible for ensuring all requirements relating to the sale or supply of alcohol (as per liquor licensing laws) are met;
- The area in which liquor is to be supplied must be a discrete area with controlled access; and
- School children attending an activity elsewhere on school grounds must be adequately supervised.

Workers' Responsibility

All workers are responsible to ensure that:

- They follow the guidelines set out in this policy; and
- All reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety and welfare of students from both known and reasonably foreseeable alcohol related risks of harm and/or injury.
- Members of the community and visitors adhere to the policy.

Implementation

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

- Prohibiting the service and consumption of alcohol on School grounds or at School functions unless permission is received from the Headmaster;
- Staff training;
- Communication to the community;
- Development of alcohol awareness culture within the School; Effective incident notification procedures; and
- Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.

Discipline for Breach of Policy Related Policies

Where a staff member breaches this policy St Peter's College will take disciplinary action, including in the case of serious breaches, summary dismissal.

Related policies

Alcohol (Staff) Policy Alcohol (Students) Policy WH&S policies