



# Bentleigh West Primary School

## ALCOHOL POLICY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact:

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### Rationale

Alcohol, although legal, is considered one of the most harmful drugs affecting young people today. Bentleigh West Primary School (**School**) conducts many events at the School during the school year and it is necessary to establish a policy regarding the consumption of alcohol that is relevant to such events, that complies with the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* and follows Department of Education and Training guidelines.

### Purpose

- To clearly define when alcohol can be brought on to, and consumed on, the School property for School events.

### Implementation

- Alcohol will not be sold, and will not otherwise be permitted, at events where children are expected to be present. Such events include, without limitation:
  - Welcome Night
  - Twilight sports
  - Celebration Night
- For events where children are not expected to be present, School Council approval is required before alcohol can be consumed on school premises. Schools Councils must, however, comply with the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* in granting such approval.
- Where alcohol is to be served at School events, it must be served and consumed responsibly.
- At least one volunteer parent with a Responsible Serving Alcohol certificate is to be present at each event where alcohol is served.
- Sufficient non-alcoholic drinks must be available.
- No alcohol can be consumed after 11.00pm, therefore the bar must close at 10.30pm.
- School Council may agree to make exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis for specific events.
- Consumption of alcohol at school events held off premises is subject to laws associated with provision of alcohol in public places.

## Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## Policy Review And Approval

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| Policy last reviewed       | June 2022 |
| Approved by                | Principal |
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