



Bentleigh West Primary School

ALCOHOL POLICY

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:
 - Bush Dance & 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.

Evaluation

This policy was last ratified by School Council in December 2018 and is due to be reviewed in 2022.