

## Alcohol Policy

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### Rationale

Alcohol, although legal, is considered one of the most harmful drugs affecting young people today.

Our school has a community responsibility to fully inform students, staff and the whole school community about the effects of alcohol. Alcohol education will sit within the context of the school's drug education program.

### 1. Aim

**Moorabbin Primary School will:**

- Provide accurate information regarding the effects of alcohol on the body.
- Ensure students have the necessary knowledge and skills to make positive informed choices over their use of alcohol.
- Clearly define the processes required when alcohol has been brought on to the school property or a student or staff member or parent/school community member has attended school clearly under the influence of alcohol.

### 2. Implementation

- Alcohol education activities will be provided, ensuring age appropriateness, as part of the school's drug education program.
- Curriculum materials, such as Life Education Program, will be used to form the basis of alcohol education at our school.
- Where appropriate, our school will access agencies within the local community with expertise in the field of alcohol education to participate in classes eg. local police, Community Health Service, Drug & Alcohol counsellors.
- Any lessons taught around alcohol will be delivered within the context of a Harm Minimisation approach to drug education.
- 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.
- Any student, staff member or community member attending school or a school function clearly under the influence of alcohol, or student consuming alcohol at or during school functions will be referred to a relevant authority ie. Principal, Police
- The consumption of alcohol by staff members and parents on camps or excursions is strictly prohibited.
- Students are not permitted to bring alcohol on to school grounds under any circumstances.

### **3. Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed every four years according to the policy review structure implemented by the Education Committee.

### **4. Resources**

- Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide - <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/alcohol.aspx> Policy on Alcohol Guidelines.