



# Elwood Primary School No 3942

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## Alcohol at School Events Guidelines

### PURPOSE

Elwood Primary School is a community based school, with strong links and partnerships between school, students, families and the wider community which are often promoted and encouraged through social and fundraising events. Some events may involve either the provision of alcohol or consumption of alcohol by adults.

Elwood PS recognises that where alcohol is served and consumed at school events or on school property, it must be served and consumed responsibly and in accordance with these guidelines and other related School Policies, DEECD guidelines and State liquor licensing laws and regulations. These guidelines apply to all adults attending EPS School Events [and/or while on school property].

### BROAD GUIDELINES

These guidelines establish a framework of governing the provision, consumption and serving of alcohol so that at school organized events:

- A high level of safety of children and a general focus on students is priority
- Acceptable behaviour of the school community is mandated
- Alcohol that is either served or consumed is done so legally and responsibly
- EPS school events comply with the broad DEECD alcohol guidelines and with State liquor licensing laws and regulations and
- All parents, staff and other adults attending EPS events are aware of the guidelines and model appropriate behaviour in relation to alcohol consumption.

### IMPLEMENTATION

1. Alcohol must not be consumed on school premises during normal school hours except by prior approval of the Principal for appropriate special occasions at times when students are not present.
2. Where alcohol is consumed by adults at an EPS event:
  - a. responsible drinking is mandatory at all times; and
  - b. no alcohol is to be consumed on school grounds unless it is a School Council endorsed activity.
3. Staff must not drink, or be under the influence of, alcohol during hours of duty or when they have a continuing responsibility for students. This includes school excursions/camps, and any other school activity (e.g. dances, discos) that is held outside ordinary school hours.

4. Parents and other adults providing assistance to staff (i.e. in classrooms, excursion, and camps) are also prohibited from consuming, or being under the influence of, alcohol while on the school premises or assisting staff off site.
5. Any sales or provision of alcohol by the school must abide by legal restrictions as per the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* (Vic).
6. No person under the age of 18 may serve or consume alcohol at a school function.
7. Students present with their parents at social and school fund raising occasions are the responsibility of their parents.
8. The Principal or Principal's delegate has the right to remove or seek police intervention for any adult that displays inappropriate behaviour at any event organised by EPS.
9. The Principal or Principal delegate will advise organisers of EPS events or events held on EPS grounds of this policy and where it can be accessed.

## RESOURCES

1. Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 (Vic)
2. DEECD Alcohol Guidelines

## POLICY HISTORY

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