



POLICY: Rangitikei College Board

Alcohol Consumption and Supply Policy

Rationale

In the school environment there needs to be carefully defined parameters about the use of alcohol that are consistent with our school values of Respect, Endeavour, Aroha and Perseverance.

The school has an obligation to provide a safe physical and emotional environment for students, and to comply fully with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Aims:

- To ensure that alcohol served on school premises or at school functions does not compromise the safety and welfare of students, staff or parents/caregivers.
- As a responsible educational facility, we model positive and responsible behaviour around alcohol.

Guidelines:

1. Alcohol will not be consumed on school property when the school is open for instruction.
2. Alcohol is only permitted at staff social functions at school, or at external public bookings, after obtaining the permission of the Principal.
3. The consumption of alcohol should not be the primary purpose of any parent/teacher gathering on school premises.
4. Staff consumption of alcohol must never compromise the safety and welfare of students; therefore, alcohol will not be consumed by staff or adults while they are responsible for student welfare. This includes whether on-site or off-site.
5. No staff member while acting in the capacity of a staff member shall give alcohol to a student or enable a student to obtain alcohol at any school related function, irrespective of the age of the student.
6. Staff should ensure that they are not involved in providing students with alcohol or consuming alcohol with students in any situation at any time which may bring the school into disrepute.
7. For events when alcohol is served by staff or outside groups, host responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) providing a range of non-alcoholic drinks
 - (b) Water available free of charge at all times.
 - (c) Encouragement of people to choose from a selection of food.

- (d) It is against the law to sell or supply alcohol to minors (under the age of 18 years). Identification may be asked for anyone looking younger than 25.
- (e) Anyone who is visibly intoxicated will not be served alcohol, will be asked to leave and encouraged to take advantage of safe transport options.
8. No alcohol will be offered as prizes at school functions or raffles. (Note this is prohibited under the Gambling Act 2003).
9. Alcohol advertising, sponsorship or promotions are prohibited on the school site or for school activities. If alcohol forms part of any fundraising activity, this requires the prior approval of the Principal.
10. Reducing alcohol-related harm will be included in the school curriculum.

Chairperson:



Date:

29.11.21

Next review date: September 2024

ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS:

- Misuse of Drugs Policy
- Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

(NB: Procedures are developed as part of school management. The Board of Trustees will be informed of the development or revision of procedures derived from Board policies by the Principal. For some especially significant procedures, these will be presented to the Board in full)