



Sacred Heart College

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINE 5

Policy Statement: Alcohol and the School

The Special Character, also known as the Catholic Character, provides the framework within which the whole school curriculum is delivered; it is integral to everything that takes place in the school, or on behalf of the school, and its community.

RATIONALE

The Board of Trustees of Sacred Heart College accepts that Educational facilities have an important role in our society. They are a core part of our community and social structure. Schools are required to provide a safe physical and emotional environment for students. They are also required to fully comply with any legislation to ensure the safety of students and employees including the sale and supply of alcohol act 2012 and the gambling act 2003.

PURPOSE

To ensure that alcohol use on school premises or at school functions does not compromise the safety and welfare of staff, parents or students.

GUIDELINES

1. The consumption of alcohol should not be the primary purpose of any parent/teacher gathering on school premises.
2. Alcohol is only permitted at staff social functions at school after obtaining the permission of the Principal.
3. If alcohol is provided and/or consumed, the six key principles of Host Responsibility will be followed:

A responsible host:

- 1) Prevents intoxication
 - 2) Does not serve alcohol to minors
 - 3) Provides and actively promotes free drinking water, low alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks
 - 4) Provides and actively promotes substantial food
 - 5) Serves alcohol responsibly
 - 6) Arranges a safe transport option
4. Consumption of alcohol must never compromise the safety and welfare of students. No alcohol is to be consumed when adults including volunteers/helpers or staff have responsibility for student welfare.
 5. No alcohol should be sold on the school property for the purpose of raising money where minors are present.
 6. No alcohol is to be offered as prizes at school functions or in raffles. This is prohibited under the Gambling Act 2003.
 7. No alcohol will be allowed at curriculum or EOTC events.
 8. 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.

9. No staff member shall provide students with alcohol (unless the student is their child – in accordance with the sale and supply of alcohol Act 2012) or consume alcohol with students in a situation that may bring the school into disrepute.

COMPLAINTS

A staff member, student or member of the public is able to complain that the school's policy on alcohol has not been upheld. The complaint is to follow the school's complaints procedure. This procedure can be located.

<http://sacredheartnapier.school.nz/Web/1667/> or viewed at the school office.



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Host Responsibility Policy

Our Commitment to You, Our School Community

As a responsible educational facility, we model positive and responsible behaviour around alcohol.

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

We want our school community to remain safe.

The Management and Staff of Sacred Heart College have a responsibility to provide an environment where alcohol and other products are served responsibly in a smoke free environment. We have therefore implemented the following Host Responsibility Policy:

- We won't serve alcohol at school fundraising events where students are present on school grounds.
- It is against the law to sell or supply alcohol and tobacco products to minors (under the age of 18 years).
- It is against the law to smoke on school grounds and in school buildings. We are smoke free at all times.
- Our aim is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment. Anyone who is intoxicated will not be served alcohol, will be asked to leave and encouraged to take advantage of safe transport options.
- We promote transport options to get you safely home (Taxi).
- We encourage you to have a lifesaver (designated driver). We will make the lifesaver's job more attractive by providing non-alcoholic drinks.
- We make sure all of our food, water and transport options are well promoted – you won't have to go looking for them.
- We will provide, and actively promote, a range of non-alcoholic e.g. fruit juices, soft drinks, tea and coffee.
- Water is available free of charge at all times.
- Low alcohol drink options are available.
- Substantial food will be provided and promoted.

Host responsibility makes sure that everyone has a good time and leaves in safe shape for the trip home.

**Thank you for supporting our host responsibility policy.
We hope you have an enjoyable time.**