

1.1. ALCOHOL

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Policy Statement

Through the alcohol policy, Nelson College will:

- ensure that all students are educated about alcohol and related issues through appropriate health programmes.
- ensure that students receive the highest level of care at all times.

Policy Rationale

Nelson College will comply with New Zealand law when dealing with alcohol related issues and recognises the potential dangers the use and misuse of alcohol represents in the care and safety of students.

Guidelines

1. Students shall not consume, provide or possess alcohol in the College grounds or on a trip or function associated with the College
2. Students will be given the information, through health education programmes, to assist them in making responsible choices with regard to alcohol.
3. Staff will not consume alcohol in the presence of students at organised student focussed events.
4. In other circumstances staff should exercise their professional judgement in situations where they are present at functions or premises where students are being served alcohol.
5. Staff and/or parent volunteers on EOTC activities (including sports trips) who are not designated leaders will not consume alcohol in the presence of students. Any alcohol consumption by staff and/or parent volunteers will only occur in appropriate social venues and should be of a level commensurate with the potential need for them to assist a designated leader in the performance of their supervisory duties.
6. Any exception to the policy must have sought prior approval from the Board of Trustees.

Student Breaches

1. The College through its guidance system will intervene where students display symptoms that may reasonably be believed to indicate the abuse of alcohol and will support students found to be abusing alcohol to work through a process of counselling and education that will be monitored.
2. Any student who infringes this policy may be stood down or suspended.

Staff Breaches

1. Staff who breach this policy may be subject to disciplinary measures as detailed in the PPTA Collective Agreement.

Terms:-**Staff**

Includes all school personnel both teaching and non-teaching, any tutors in Community Education, volunteers and coaches.

Student

Can be an adult day student, an adult Community Education student, or any young person whether or not a student of the school if they are on College grounds or are a part of a College sponsored EOTC activity.

Related Policies:

- EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) Policy
- EOTC Drivers / Driving Policy
- Drug Policy
- Education Council code of Conduct