

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy

Purpose

- To model healthy lifestyles for staff, students, parents, carers and visitors to the school.
- To ensure the school is free of harmful drugs, in accordance with the State and Federal laws.
- To provide a formal Drug Education Program in accordance with Department of Education and Training (DET) Policy.

Whole school engagement

It is recognised that every member of Foster Primary School has an impact on students' health and can contribute to creating an environment that promotes healthy behaviours in relation to the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. All members of our school community including staff, students, families and volunteers will be supported to meet this policy.

Definitions

Drug: The term 'drug' refers to any substance taken to change the way the body and/or mind functions.¹

Alcohol: A depressant drug that slows down activity in the central nervous system.²

Aims:

- To clearly define rules relating to drugs, tobacco and alcohol within the school
- To provide procedures for the response to drug, alcohol and tobacco incidents which occur within the school jurisdiction
- To provide students, parents and carers with accurate information regarding the effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco on the body.

Implementation:

TOBACCO

- Foster Primary School is a smoke-free zone and smoking is not permitted on the school premises at any time. This extends to within 4 metres of a school entrance as per the Tobacco Amendment Act 2014. This includes visitors and workers on site who are not employees of the DET.

ALCOHOL

- Foster Primary School is an alcohol-free zone at all times that children or under 18's are in attendance.
- School Council may authorize responsible provision of alcohol at adult-only functions within the school grounds. School Council will comply with the Liquor Control Reform Act (1998) and the Liquor Control Reform Amendment Act 2010 in providing such authorization.
- Any incident of person(s) being on school premises under the influence of alcohol will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Emergency Management procedures, prioritizing student safety and wellbeing at all times and DET Drug Use Policy
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/druguse.aspx#link78>

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- Foster Primary School has a zero tolerance to illicit drugs and all such matters will be referred to Police
- Any incident of person(s) being on school premises under the influence of or knowingly in possession of illicit drugs will be dealt with under the school's Emergency Management procedures, prioritizing student safety and wellbeing at all times and DET Drug Use Policy <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/druguse.aspx#link78>

PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS

- Foster Primary School is an inclusive environment with strict guidelines for the possession and utilization of prescription medications <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/druguse.aspx#link78>

DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM

- A DET endorsed Drug Education Program will be provided at the school.
- Alcohol and Drug Education occurs at a classroom level as part of the new Victorian Curriculum Health and PE Education curriculum taught at the School.
- Where appropriate, the school will access local community agencies with appropriate expertise in the fields of drug/alcohol/tobacco education to participate in the Drug Education Program (e.g. Local Police, Community Health Service, Drug & Alcohol Counselors).
- DET Regional staff will be accessed to provide expertise and assistance in the delivery of lessons about drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ON EXCURSIONS

- The consumption of alcohol by staff members on excursions and camps is not permitted. It is acknowledged that alcohol may compromise a staff members professional standing, their ability to carry out their duty of care, and/or loss of Work Cover rights.
- The consumption of alcohol by parents/carers who have volunteered to assist on school camps is not permitted. Parents/carers will be made aware of this limitation when requests for volunteers are made and each participant must agree to this as a condition of volunteering.
- Smoking of tobacco by teachers or parents/carers is not permitted in the vicinity of students whilst on camps or excursions. Smoking is discouraged, but is not banned in breaks, when away from the student group.

DONATIONS & PROMOTIONS

- Foster Primary School acknowledges that alcohol is a legal commodity and as such, recognizes that offers of financial or material donations may be received from manufacturers of retailers of these goods. Each such offer will be considered on a case by case basis, and acceptance or rejection of that offer will be decided in consultation between the Principal and School Council President. If deemed necessary, the matter will be referred to School Council for resolution. An appropriate means of acknowledgement for such donations will be determined by the Principal and School Council President, or School Council if required.
- No promotion of alcohol will be publically displayed within the school grounds.

FUNCTIONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

- Tobacco is at all times banned from use within the school grounds
- Alcohol cannot be served at school functions where students or under 18's are present, or within the school during school operating hours.
- School Council may authorize responsible consumption of alcohol as adult-only functions within the school grounds. School Council will comply with the Liquor Control Reform Act (1998) and the Liquor Control Reform Amendment Act 2010 in providing such authorization. No alcohol may be consumed on school grounds without such authorization.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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