



WAIMEA COLLEGE

Policies and Procedures

Policy: NAG 5 - Alcohol

Date Approved: December 2020

Review Date: 2023

Rationale

To ensure that the general health and wellbeing of the school community is of primary interest at all times when considering the use of alcohol.

The Objectives are:

1. To help shape sensible drinking behaviour among students and to work in conjunction with the school's Board of Trustees, PTA and Staff.
2. To affirm students who choose to abstain from alcohol (either on a short term or long-term basis).
3. To ensure that alcohol is regarded with the respect needed for a potentially addictive drug.
4. To discourage illegal under-age drinking.
5. To ensure students with alcohol-related problems are helped in a caring way.

The Policy states that:

1. To comply with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, alcohol will not be available to students at school functions and other school-related activities. These criteria should be followed when our students are representing the school on sporting or cultural trips including overseas when the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 should still apply.
2. Students will not sell, serve or consume alcohol on school property.
3. Groups using or hiring school facilities will not be able to sell or serve alcohol unless Board of Trustees approval has been sought prior for special events.
4. Recognising that alcohol is accepted as an optional part of the adult world, the school aims to give students the information and skills needed to help them establish and practice responsible drinking behaviour. (Health Education - cross curriculum activities - senior seminars. There will be opportunities for staff education about drugs and alcohol if it is necessary.
5. Professional help, either school counsellors or outside agencies, will be available for any member of the school community with alcohol-related problems. These problems may involve the abuse of alcohol by the individual or by people close to them. It is important that the availability of help be widely publicised throughout the school (Health Education curriculum - senior seminars - staff meetings).

7. The following bodies: Staff, PTA and Board of Trustees are able to run their social activities within the school. However, it should be remembered that Staff, PTA and Board are role models in the community and should use discretion and sensitivity in the use of alcohol within the school.
8. Any student who is directly or indirectly involved with alcohol at school or on any school trip or school activity will be subject to the school discipline policy (this may cover consuming, being affected by, in possession of, associated with and supplying of alcohol).
9. A letter will be sent to parents before major school social functions (e.g. school graduation dinner) reminding them of their responsibility under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Adopted: 3 December 2020

Chairperson:



Waimea College Board of Trustees