

# ALCOHOL (STUDENTS)

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## THE HAZARD - ALCOHOL - STUDENT USE OF

Alcohol is a depressant drug that slows brain activity responses and impairs co-ordination. The consumption of alcohol by students increases the risk of injury to the students themselves and to others, as well as impairing the ability of students to respond appropriately in an emergency. The effects of alcohol can be magnified when consumed in conjunction with other substances, including prescription drugs.

### LCS'S POLICY

LCS is committed to providing a safe environment for all our students, workers and visitors.

It is our policy that:

- The purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol by students is strictly prohibited on school premises, at functions, excursions, camps, when representing the school, when wearing school uniform and in transit to or from school;
- While on school property or representing the school in any way, students are not permitted to be under the influence of alcohol;
- Any breach of this policy will be considered a Level 3 behaviour breach in accordance with the school's **Student Behaviour Management Policy\***;
- All students will receive age appropriate health and alcohol education to enable and support them to make informed choices, and to minimise the harm associated with alcohol use; and
- Referrals to counselling and support groups will be provided to students with alcohol related problems.

### DEALING WITH A STUDENT AFFECTED BY ALCOHOL

Where a student exhibits obvious signs of intoxication a staff member shall:

- Isolate the student from their peers in a calm and controlled manner (if possible);
- If this is not possible and an impaired student refuses to cooperate and/or becomes agitated, ensure that any other students within the immediate vicinity are removed from harm and attempt to calm the student until such time as other staff members are able to provide assistance;
- Ask the student to accompany them to the school administration office; and
- Contact the Principal or other appropriate senior member of staff to inform them of the situation.

The Principal shall then make an assessment of the student's condition and take appropriate action based on the facts. This may include contacting the student's parents/carers to inform them of the incident and requesting that they remove the student from the school grounds, and/or calling the police in the event that the student is acting in an aggressive or threatening manner.

### RELATED POLICIES

**Student Behaviour Management Policy**  
**Drugs - Illicit (Student Use Of) Policy**

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