



## TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE



# POLICY STATEMENT ON ALCOHOL

### Rationale

The consumption, possession, supply, manufacturing or administration of alcohol can be extremely harmful and/or unlawful. It has limited place in the school environment or school-related activities.

### Purposes


1. To make Te Awamutu College a safe environment for staff and students.
2. To ensure all staff, students and parents/caregivers know the consequences which will follow should alcohol be consumed, either at school, at school-related activities or while a student is deemed to be under the authority of the school.
3. To have a clear set of consequences to deal with the consumption, possession, supply or association with alcohol as well as support mechanisms or referrals to appropriate external agencies.
4. To provide factual information regarding the misuse of alcohol.

### Guidelines

1. Te Awamutu College prohibits the consumption, possession, supply, manufacturing or administration of any alcohol at school, at school-related activities or while a student is deemed to be under the authority of the school.
2. The Board authorise the provision and/or consumption of alcohol by designated adults at specific school functions, for example:
  - Academic Excellence Evening, School Ball, Sports Appreciation Evening, Visual Arts Exhibition, Graduation Dinner, Staff Christmas Lunch
  - Or any other activity/event that has received the written approval of the Principal.
3. EOTC (Camp, Tournament, trip, tour etc.):
  - Staff (teaching and support) will be alcohol free. This allows them to be in a position to supervise; make decisions; communicate effectively in all situations without any perception that their judgment or abilities could be impaired.
  - Where other adults are in the role of being "in charge" or responsible for direct supervision of such ventures (as made clear in the EOTC paperwork) they likewise must be alcohol free.

- Any adults driving vehicles will be alcohol free (irrespective of any legislation)
  - Any adults (parents/caregivers, supporters etc.) accompanying a group (and not deemed as being "in charge"), for example, on a tour, should either be:
    - i. Alcohol free (as per the protocols/instructions of their sports club)
    - or
    - ii. Exercise judgement and model responsible behaviour so that there can be no resultant issues (relevant laws must be complied with)
  - Any variation to the EOTC conditions would need the formal approval of the Board.
4. Staff, students or visitors to school associated with the misuse of alcohol will immediately be subject to disciplinary procedures as laid down by the Board or other legislation whichever is appropriate as follows:
- Students could be stood-down or suspended from school under the Education and Training Act 2020.
  - Staff could be suspended from duties in accordance with appropriate employment agreements or contracts and the Education and Training Act 2020.
  - Visitors to the school will be reported to the appropriate authority and may incur a Trespass Notice being served.
5. Appropriate alcohol rehabilitation agencies will be contacted as required to offer programmes within the school or to individuals. The School reserves the right to enforce its alcohol policy requirements using all avenues and agencies available to it.
6. The school Health Education Programme will provide elements of alcohol education programmes in line with the New Zealand Curriculum.

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 11/3/24

PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 7/3/24