



Wesley College

ALCOHOL POLICY

Background

Wesley College expects and requires a responsible attitude to alcohol consumption by all members of its community. This expectation is consistent with our Values and is a not-negotiable obligation of all Students.

At any time, there may be two liquor licenses held by the College, one in relation to our caterer, serving the dining hall and associated catered functions and the other by the Students' Club of Wesley College.

Both licenses are approved by the Master of the College on an annual basis i.e. each license exists under the umbrella of the College and is not stand-alone or independent of the College. Both licenses are administered by OLGR (NSW Department of Liquor, Gaming and Racing).

The Students' Club license is a restricted license and does not permit the Students' Club to operate an 'open bar' to or for members of the public.

Policy Objectives

The College, in forming its policy on Alcohol, ensures that it will abide by all applicable state laws.

The College further acknowledges that it is a signatory to the *Liquor Accord* of the University of Sydney (*see attached*).

The following College Values in particular will guide our approach to alcohol within the College community:

We act responsibly and actively seek to ensure the safety of others

We display respect to others

We respect and support each other as Collegians

We accept responsibility

Ultimately, our objectives are to ensure that:

1. The consumption of alcohol is a matter of individual choice at all times;
2. The service and consumption of alcohol within the College is approached in a responsible manner and RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) is observed at all times;
3. The consumption of alcohol does not lead to inappropriate behaviour which impacts the safety of any individual, the physical property of the College or its residents or brings the College or the University into disrepute; and
4. Alcohol is not seen as fundamental to enjoying life at Wesley or to the success of any function arranged at the College or by the Students' Club.

Principles

The following principles will apply:

General

1. No student should ever feel pressured to consume alcohol. The act of pressuring another student to consume alcohol will be considered a serious disciplinary matter.
2. There should be no practices that promote irresponsible consumption of alcohol at any function within the College. The promotion of irresponsible consumption will be considered a serious disciplinary matter.
3. Alcohol may be consumed in public spaces of the College, provided that there is no disturbance to others.
4. The Main Foyer, Library, tutorial rooms, the Atrium and Academic Centre are alcohol free zones at all times.
5. There will be no service to any person less than 18 years of age.

Licensing

1. The Master sanctions or authorises the license for both Caterer and Students' Club each year. In the event of breaches of the Alcohol Policy, the sanction for the issue of the license may be withdrawn by the Master. As a corollary of this principle the Student Club nominee as Licensee must be approved by the Master and the House Committee is expected and required to support the Licensee in the execution of the role.
2. The Licensees must ensure that all staff (either paid or voluntary) working in the service of alcohol must hold a current RSA certificate and must be sober for the duration of the event. The licensees must also ensure that all required signage is displayed appropriately within the licensed area.
3. Licensees must attend meetings of the *Liquor Accord* and any other associated meetings required to maintain their license.
4. Appropriate security numbers must be employed for all student functions within the College. This needs to reflect the minimum requirements under the license.
5. The licensee is responsible for the opening and closing down of functions. This must comply with the requested and agreed times on the Function Request form. All service of alcohol must conclude by 11.30pm at the latest.
6. All events on the front lawn, in the Courtyard and within the Dining Hall must be licensed.

Supply of Alcohol at Licensed Events

1. Alcohol provided must be pre mixed. Any 'punch style' alcoholic drinks must be mixed prior to the function.
2. Non-alcoholic drinks, as well as water, must be provided at all events.
3. The supply of stimulant or 'energy' drinks at events where alcohol is served is prohibited.

4. Students who are intoxicated will not be allowed to enter a function or will be asked to leave the function area. This is the obligation of the licensee or their delegate.

Other Matters

1. All events involving alcohol must have a Function Request form completed and approved by the Master no less than 48 hours prior to the function. Approval of the requested hours etc. should not be automatically presumed.
2. All Student Club related functions are restricted to cans or plastic cups. Glass must not be used.
3. All matters related to unacceptable behaviour of this policy will be managed under the harassment Policy and Procedures and/or the Discipline Policy.
4. Failure to abide by these requirements and any related directions by the Master or any of her staff may lead to withdrawal or suspension of the Students' Club license.

Policy Review

This Alcohol Policy is to be reviewed annually by Wesley College Council (next review date October 2016).