



MBC/MBBC Alcohol Consumption Policy

Policy Aim:	<p>Moreton Bay College and Moreton Bay Boys' College recognise that the abuse of alcohol in our society is a significant problem that detracts from, and jeopardises the spiritual, physical and mental wellbeing of individuals, and this threatens our society.</p> <p>The Colleges are committed to educating their students in a way that allows them to recognise those dangers, be educated about them, to have choices, and the ability to exercise them.</p> <p>The prominence of alcohol as a social drug is so all-pervasive that the best path to these ends is to recognise its consumption, to insist upon reasonable constraints, and to support the children through educational programmes in their schooling.</p>
Scope and Responsibilities:	<p>The Board of Governors is responsible for ensuring the Colleges' practices are reflective of the beliefs held in this regard and for monitoring the appropriateness of alcohol use at school functions.</p> <p>The Principal is given authority to approve / disapprove applications in line with the policy guidelines and to report these to the Board on a periodical basis.</p>
Board Approval:	Required
Background information:	As schools that respect the ethos of the Uniting Church, we must abide by the general philosophies that underpin the ethos and ensure our practices reflect this in regard to limiting alcohol consumption wherever possible.
Policy:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alcohol may not be served or consumed on College premises or at College functions held away from College premises except with prior approval from the Principal. 2. There is standing permission granted for the service and consumption of alcohol within the residences on the College grounds. 3. Subject to clause 4, the Principal may give permission for alcohol to be served and consumed on College premises or at College functions held away from College premises where the Board is satisfied that the circumstances are appropriate and that alcohol will be served under strict supervision and in a responsible and disciplined manner. <p>Any permission will be subject to the following conditions:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for an approved College function, a nominated person who will be in attendance must accept responsibility in writing for ensuring compliance with the terms of this policy and any conditions

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to which the permission is subject to and must submit a post event report including advice of any incidents that may have occurred. The nominated person will be responsible for obtaining any necessary licence for the sale or supply of alcohol. The nominated person is not to consume any alcohol. In addition, the Principal or approved person, must also be in attendance. The approval is to be sought at least 1 month prior to the function and is to include the details of the nominated person and the delegate if any.

An approved person may be a delegate of the Principal, a senior staff member of MBC or MBBC or another member of the community.

- (b) the use or availability of alcohol must be incidental to the event and form part of the provision of refreshments of both food and drink.
- (c) an adequate range and quantity of non-alcoholic beverages must be available in addition to alcohol. Only low to mid-strength beer and wine is to be served at functions where MBC or MBBC has control over what types of alcoholic beverages are available.
- (d) no student of the Colleges, regardless of age, and whether in College uniform or not, may serve, or be served, or otherwise consume, alcohol at any College function.
- (e) the availability of alcohol at any College function must be limited in time and quantity and be restricted to a defined location.
- (f) only alcohol obtained at a College function may be consumed at the function. No additional alcohol may be brought into the function.
- (g) advertisements for a College function where alcohol is to be available must advise proposed attendees in advance and must include the statement "Non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages available" (or such other statement as approved by the Chairman of the Board).
- (h) persons who appear to be intoxicated are not to be served further alcohol.
- (i) if a licence is required by law it must be obtained;
- (j) such other conditions as the MBC or MBBC Board considers appropriate.

4. In the policy "College function" means any function whether operated by MBC, MBBC or any group associated with the Colleges (including the Parents and Friends Associations, support groups, and past

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student associations, but does not include functions of Old Girls' or Old Boys' off campus, though the issues of principle described herein should nevertheless be adhered to whether held on or off College premises and that which has been promoted or advertised:

- (a) using the Colleges name(s); or
- (b) indicating any association with the Colleges,

but does not include a social gathering of parents or teachers at licensed premises and/or the private residence of one of them.

5. Promotion of alcohol within the Colleges whether by:-
 - o sponsorships;
 - o signage on College premises or at College functions including loan or hire marquees; or
 - o advertisements in publications by the Colleges or groups associated with the Colleges;
 - o advertisements, including logos, on clothing or equipment;
 - o or advertisements on information material from visiting sports mentors or special event coaches; or
 - o in other manner,
 is **not** permitted. However, if alcoholic products have been provided at no cost to the Colleges for a particular function, and there are no students present at the function, modest signage, and verbal recognition at the function, are permitted.
6. Where College facilities are hired out privately for outside functions it is to be on the condition that alcohol may be served and consumed at the facilities during the period of hire under the conditions and guidelines as so defined in the "Conditions for the Serving of Alcohol by Outside Hirers of the Moreton Bay Colleges' facilities". The Colleges reserve the right to deny a request from an organisation to serve alcohol at its own discretion.
7. Attendees are encouraged to give a positive example at any approved College function by exercising restraint and control in the use of alcohol.
8. Specific educational programs shall be developed as part of the general curriculum on the use and abuse of alcohol with particular emphasis on responsible social behaviour and care for fellow students and peers.
9. Students are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct Policy. Staff are expected to behave in a manner consistent with their employment requirements.

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	10. At each meeting of the Board of Governors, the Principal will provide the Board with a report of all permissions granted under this policy since the preceding board meeting.
Definitions:	
Related Documentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for Permission to Serve Alcohol at an MBC/MBBC-related Function Conditions for the serving of alcohol by Outside Hirers
Legislation Applicable:	

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