



Alcohol

Alcohol is governed by the Liquor Act 1992 and cannot be sold to children under 18 years of age.

Responsibilities

Students

Students must not bring property onto school grounds or other settings used by the school that:

- is prohibited according to the school's Prohibited Items Policy.
- is illegal.
- puts the safety or wellbeing of others at risk.
- does not preserve a caring, safe, supportive or productive learning environment.
- does not maintain and foster mutual respect.

Parent/Carer

Parents/Carers must ensure their child does not bring property onto school grounds or other settings used by the school that:

- is prohibited according to the school's Prohibited Items Policy.
- is illegal.
- puts the safety or wellbeing of others at risk.
- does not preserve a caring, safe, supportive or productive learning environment.
- does not maintain and foster mutual respect.

School

The school must inform parents/carers of school policies and procedures.

Staff must follow school policies and procedures.

Consequence Guidelines

Alcohol is a prohibited item as outlined in the school's Prohibited Items Policy.

The following consequences are a guide.

Possession of Alcohol:

Step 1

- Alcohol is permanently confiscated and destroyed.

Step 2

- Parent/carers notified.

Step 3

- Consequence issued - First occasion: 3 day Suspension.

Step 4

- Student referred to Youth Health Nurse for counselling.

Step 4

- Consequence issued - Second and subsequent occasions: 5 day Suspension.

Step 5

- Student referred to Youth Health Nurse for counselling.



ALCOHOL POLICY

Use of / Under the Influence of Alcohol:

- Step 1 • Alcohol is permanently confiscated and destroyed.
- Step 2 • Parent/carer notified.
- Step 3 • Consequence issued - First occasion: 5 day Suspension.
- Step 4 • Student referred to Youth Health Nurse for counselling.
- Step 3 • Consequence issued - Second and subsequent occasions: 10 day Suspension.
- Step 4 • Student referred to Youth Health Nurse for counselling.

Distribution/Supply of Alcohol:

- Step 1 • Alcohol is permanently confiscated and destroyed.
- Step 2 • Parent/carer notified.
- Step 3 • Consequence issued - First occasion: 10 day Suspension.
- Step 4 • Student referred to Youth Health Nurse for counselling.
- Step 5 • Consequence issued: 20 day Suspension.
- Step 6 • Student referred to Youth Health Nurse for counselling
- Step 7 • Consequence issued: 20 day Suspension pending Exclusion.

Consideration of Individual Circumstances

Staff at Gordonvale State High School take into account students' individual circumstances, such as their behaviour history, verified disability, diagnosed mental health and wellbeing, religious and cultural considerations, home environment and care arrangements when teaching expectations, responding to inappropriate behaviour or applying a disciplinary consequence.

In considering the individual circumstances of each student, we recognise that the way we teach, the support we provide and the way we respond to students will differ. This reflects the principle of equality, where every student is given the support they need to be successful. This also means that not everyone will be treated the same, because treating everyone the same is not fair.

Our teachers are also obliged by law to respect and protect the privacy of individual students, so while we understand the interest of other students, staff and parents to know what punishment another student might have received, we will not disclose or discuss this information with anyone but the student's family. This applies even if the behavioural incident involves your child. You can be assured that school staff take all matters seriously and will address them appropriately. We expect that parents and students will respect the privacy of other students and families.

If you have concerns about the behaviour of another student at the school, or the way our staff have responded to their behaviour, please make an appointment with the Principal to discuss the matter.



Help and Support

Gordonvale State High School Youth Health Nurse
Appointments can be made with the Youth Health Nurse through the school office.

Cairns Community Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATODS)
Monday to Friday: 8 :00am to 4:00pm
8 Aplin Street, Cairns
Phone: 07 4226 3900

Consultation

The Gordonvale State High School Alcohol Policy was developed in consultation with the school community, including:

- Teaching and non-teaching staff
- Student Council
- P&C

Review

The Gordonvale State High School Alcohol Policy will undergo annual minor updates to reflect changing circumstances, data and staff.

A fulsome review is conducted every four years in line with the scheduled review process for the School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting cycle.

Endorsement

The Gordonvale State High School Alcohol Policy has been informed by:

- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- Department of Education: Student Discipline Procedure
- Gordonvale State High School Student Code of Conduct
- Gordonvale State High School Prohibited Items Policy
- Gordonvale State High School Temporary Removal of Student Property Policy
- Queensland Health: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/atods/alcohol/the-law>

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Principal
Monday 21st June 2021

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P&C President
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