

**Belvedere College S.J.**  
**Alcohol Policy (2018)**

**WHEREAS Belvedere College S.J. is**

**COMMITTED** to promoting the health, safety, sobriety and welfare of every student in its care

**MINDFUL** of the prevailing culture where the consumption of alcohol is prevalent

**INFORMED** by the unanimous view of renowned experts in the field of substance use

**AWARE** of the many harms associated with alcohol use, particularly, in adolescence

**CONSCIOUS** of the role that alcohol plays in 25% of deaths among young males over 15 years

**SUPPORTIVE** of parents in their efforts to protect their sons from the dangers of alcohol

**ATTENTIVE** to the views of Staff and the need to create an environment that fosters a responsible understanding of and attitude towards alcohol use

**DEDICATED** to ensuring that each student experiences, fully, his education whether in the classroom, on the playing fields, celebrating victories, nursing losses or encountering diverse cultures and

**COGNIZANT** of the fact that such an education can only be fully experienced if fully sober .

**BELVEDERE COLLEGE S.J. HEREBY ADOPTS A 'NO ACOLHOL' POLICY IN  
RELATION TO ALL COLLEGE-ORGANISED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.**

**This 'zero tolerance' policy, therefore, prohibits the consumption of alcohol by students during all and any college-organized events and activities. A non-exhaustive list of college-organized activities is appended to this Policy.**

**The College calls upon students to support each other in always staying sober so that their physical, intellectual, spiritual and psychological capabilities may be optimised and their genuine availability as 'men for others' enhanced.**

**Seniors are reminded of their responsibility in setting example and showing leadership and thereby contributing, positively, to the formation of Junior students in this regard.**

**Parents are required to sign a declaration supporting the College in upholding this policy for the duration of their son's attendance at Belvedere College S.J.**

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## **Violations**

**A violation of the school's 'no alcohol policy' will be deemed a serious offence and will be handled, accordingly.**

**A range of appropriate sanctions, up to and including permanent exclusion, should circumstances so warrant, may be imposed.**

**The procedures to be followed if a violation occurs whilst a student is abroad will be notified in advance of each trip.**

## **Appendix**

The 'No Alcohol' Policy of Belvedere College S.J. applies in respect of, but is not limited to, the following College-organized activities: -

- Rhetoric Retreats
- Rhetoric Graduation
- Overnight Trips
- Passing-Out Ceremonies
- Transition Year Exchange Trips, including, those where students are hosted by families and are under the supervision of their host families
- Taize Trip
- Lourdes Pilgrimage
- Kolkata Mission
- Zambia Mission
- Post-Match Celebrations
- Drama/Musical Wrap-up Celebrations
- Sleepout

If in doubt as to whether an activity is a 'College-organized' event, then clarification should be sought and obtained from the Headmaster or a Deputy Principal.

**End of Policy Document**