

ADF CADETS ALCOHOL BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS STATEMENT

For many Australians 'having a drink' is associated with relaxation, socialising and good times. Current research, however, also recognises the harmful impact alcohol can have on people's lives.

As a leading youth development program, ADF Cadets recognises that the safety and wellbeing of the young people in our care is paramount. The ADF Cadets program places an extremely high priority on the prevention, identification and treatment of youth safety risks.

We also recognise the important role adults in the ADF Cadets program play in providing cadets with good role models.

For this reason the ADF Cadets program takes a proactive approach to the prevention of alcohol - related harm by *prohibiting*:

'the **possession, supply, sale or use of alcohol and prohibited substances** by Defence and ADF Cadets adults, including cadets over the age of 18, while participating in, or supporting Defence Youth Programs or ADF Cadets activities that include young people under the age of 18'.

The only exception applies to Adults only ADF Cadets activities (e.g. specific Adult Only Cadet organisation training) and other events involving Officers, Instructors and adult volunteers.

The ADF Cadets program expects all members to:

Be responsible: Alcohol consumption can impact on decision making. Adult members have a responsibility to safeguard the welfare and best interests of young people in their care.

Be safe: Safety and supervision of cadets requires clarity of mind, concentration, alertness and good judgement. Safety is an essential component of all ADF Cadets activities.

Be respectful: Alcohol consumption can contribute to anti-social behaviour. Mutual respect between all members of the ADF Cadets and the community is essential to the success of the ADF Cadets program.



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