

# Care Arrangement for ill students



## **Rationale:**

All children have the right to feel safe and well, and know that they will be attended to with due care when in need of first aid. The Care Arrangements are to be read in conjunction with the our First Aid Policy which outlines the school's responsibility and procedures with respect to our "responsibility to provide equitable access to education and respond to diverse student needs, including health care needs".

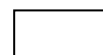
## **Our School will:**

- administer first aid to children as needed in a competent and timely manner.
- communicate children's health problems to parents when considered necessary.
- provide supplies and facilities to cater for the administering of first aid.
- maintain a sufficient number of staff members trained with a level 2 first aid certificate.

## **Implementation:**

### **First Aid**

- A first aid room will be available for use at all times. A comprehensive supply of basic first aid materials will be stored in a locked cupboard in the first aid room.
- First aid kits will also be available in each wing of the school, as well as the staff room and administration offices.
- Supervision of the first aid room will form part of the daily duty roster. Any children in the first aid room will be supervised by a staff member at all times.
- Minor injuries only will be treated by staff members on duty, while more serious injuries-including those requiring parents to be notified or suspected treatment by a doctor - require a level 2 first aid trained staff member to provide first aid.
- Any children with injuries involving blood must have the wound covered at all times.
- **No medication including headache tablets will be administered to children without the express permission of parents or guardians.**
- A record will be maintained of all children who receive first aid using a form indicating the nature of the injury, any treatment given, and the name of the teacher providing the first aid. For more serious injuries/illnesses, the parents/guardians must be contacted by the administration staff so that professional treatment may be organised. Any injuries to a child's head, face, neck or back must be reported to parents/guardian. This record is then kept for the requisite prescribed time.
- All children will have access to an asthma reliever and a spacer at all times.



## **First Aid Supplies**

- A member of staff will be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of first aid supplies, first aid kits, ice packs and the general upkeep of the first aid room.

## **Incident Management**

- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time will be referred to the first aid officer in the Administration Building who will manage the incident. All injuries or illnesses that occur during recess or lunch breaks, will be referred to the teacher on duty and then if needed to the first aid room.
- A confidential up-to-date register (kept under lock and key) located in the first aid room will be kept of all injuries or illnesses experienced by children that require first aid.
- Any student who is collected from school by parents/guardians as a result of an injury, or who is administered treatment by a doctor/hospital or ambulance officer as a result of an injury, or has an injury to the head, face, neck or back, or where a teacher considers the injury to be greater than “minor” will be reported on Department of Education Accident/Injury form LE375, and entered onto CASES21.
- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home.
- Parents who collect children from school for any reason (other than emergency) must sign the child out of the school in a register maintained in the school office.
- All teachers have the authority to call an ambulance immediately in an emergency. If the situation and time permit, a teacher may confer with others before deciding on an appropriate course of action.

## **Staff**

- A sufficient number of staff (including at least one administration staff member) will be trained to a level 2 first aid certificate, including up-to-date CPR qualifications.
- A supply of medication for teachers will be available in a secure place.
- All staff will be provided with basic first aid management skills, including blood spills, and a supply of protective disposable gloves will be available for use by staff.

## **School Camps and Excursions**

- All school camps will have at least 1 Level 2 first aid trained staff member at all times.
- A comprehensive first aid kit will accompany all camps, along with a mobile phone.
- All children attending camps or excursions will have provided a signed medical form providing medical detail and giving teachers permission to contact a doctor or ambulance should instances arise where their child requires treatment. Copies of the signed medical forms will be taken on camps and excursions, as well as kept at school.

## Communication

- At the commencement of each year, requests for updated first aid information will be sent home including requests for any asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis management plans, high priority medical forms, and reminders to parents of the policies and practices used by the school to manage first aid, illnesses and medications throughout the year.
- General organisational matters relating to first aid will be communicated to staff at the beginning of each year. Revisions of recommended procedures for administering asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis medication will also be given at that time.
- It is recommended that all students have personal accident insurance and ambulance cover.

## Key Reference:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/supportplanning.aspx>

## Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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