

Student Health Policy

Aim:

- To provide clear management instructions for the arrangements of students taken ill at school.
- Clarify the circumstances under which student exclusion is necessary.
- Communicate to the school community the school's expectations with regards to sick or injured students.
- Support the school Welfare Committee to continue with education and information regarding school community health care.
- Monitor the incidence of accidents and injuries to improve OHS policy and staff and student welfare.

Guidelines:

- That the school communicates to the school community about any health issues as they arise.
- That information is made available to parents regarding exclusion times for students with infectious diseases.
- That parents and carers are clear about their responsibility to maintain current and relevant health information and emergency contacts for their children.
- Where possible, sick or injured students are able to be collected from school.
- That teachers will only administer medications when permission is granted by a parent and in accordance with the Medicines Administration Policy.
- That self administering of medicines by students is not permitted with the exception of asthma inhalants.
- All incidents will be recorded in the Accident and Incident Register.
- Teachers will have up to date First Aid qualifications.
- First Aid training opportunities will be extended to the whole school community.

Implementation:

- The School Director will ensure that student medical records, individual medical action plans and emergency contacts for students will be routinely updated to support currency.
- The School Director will ensure that all staff and teachers have current First Aid training and are aware of the policies and procedures in place for student health management.
- At the beginning of each year and periodically through the school newsletter, guidelines for the management of infectious illnesses will be provided to families.

- Guidelines for exclusion and management of illness resources will be kept on file in the office to disseminate to parents.
- Students presenting with illness at school will be monitored by the teacher and the parents contacted to remove the child if the student is unable to participate in school activities.
- Students needing medication administered while at school will be attended to by the teacher following the Medicines Administration Policy.
- All accidents and illnesses will be documented in the Accident and Incident Register at the First Aid station.
- In an emergency situation where a student must be transferred to hospital, a registered teacher will accompany the student.
- In the situation where there is only one teacher present the teacher will make emergency arrangements for the School Director to provide a CRT replacement teacher immediately and ensure that a designated adult is on premises until the CRT teacher arrives.

Supporting Documents:

- Anaphylaxis Management Policy
- Asthma First Aid Management Policy
- Medicine Policy and Procedures
- Sole Teacher Policy