



## HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORT POLICY

### Rationale

Our school is committed to supporting the health and well-being of all students. An important part of this commitment is our health care and support policy. **Parents/guardians retain primary responsibility for their child's health care.** This includes responsibility for providing accurate, up-to-date, relevant information for staff regarding children's routine and emergency health care needs.

*The school does not have the facilities or skills to care for sick students other than to provide basic first aid. Students who are ill should rest and recover at home until they are well enough to return to school.*

### Implementation **FIRST AID**

If your child becomes unexpectedly ill or injured, either on school grounds, or offsite (eg excursions, camps, buses), staff will:

- administer basic/emergency first aid
- call an ambulance if needed
- inform you (or your emergency contacts) if necessary

In offering first aid, nominated staff are holders of a current Senior First Aid Certificate. All other staff are holders of a Basic Emergency Life Support Certificate. The school may need to call an ambulance where necessary without/before obtaining your consent. Parents are responsible for any costs incurred.

### **ROUTINE HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE SUPPORT**

Some students may require assistance with their routine or emergency health and personal care needs. Before staff can assist with this, parents/caregivers must provide written information from their doctor. This must outline specific care needs. Forms are available from the school for a range of health conditions and needs, including but not restricted to:

- Epilepsy
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Anaphylaxis (severe allergy)
- Continence
- Cystic fibrosis
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta
- Hydrocephalus

It is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to request and ensure all appropriate forms are completed and returned to the school.

**MEDICATION**

Please refer to the school's Medication Policy for an overview of parent and school responsibilities in the administering of medication to students.

**ASTHMA**

Please refer to the school's Asthma Policy, including procedures to be taken in the event of a student suffering from an asthma attack.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

Please refer to the school's Infectious Diseases Policy, including the listing of infectious diseases.

**Review**

This policy will be reviewed at least every 3 years.