

## First Aid Policy

### Rationale:

The school has procedures for supporting student health for students with identified health needs and will provide a basic first aid response as set out in the procedure below to ill or injured students due to **unforeseen circumstances** and requiring **emergency** assistance.

### Aims:

This policy is designed to:-

- Ensure that students who require first aid while at school or on school activities have it administered correctly by nominated staff members.
- Provide clear guidelines to nominated staff and parents/carers for the administration of first aid to students.

### Duties:

The First Aid Officer/s is required to undertake a coordinating role maintaining standard medical service provision, student medical records and parent notifications.

Their specific duties include:

Participating in the risk management process within the school as part of the school's OHS team. This may include contributing to risk management solutions and providing feedback on injury reports and first aid register data to identify persistent or serious hazards.

Providing first aid emergency awareness training for staff including emergency notification processes, a list of responsible officers and provision of emergency phone numbers.

Coordinating first aid duty rosters and maintaining first aid room and first aid kits

Providing first aid services commensurate with competency and training. This may include all or some of emergency life support including response to life threatening conditions which may occur in the school (e.g. cardiac arrest or respiratory difficulties associated with asthma), management of severe bleeding, basic wound care, fractures, soft tissue injury.

Recording all first aid treatment.

Providing input on first aid requirements for excursions and camps.

Where possible, only staff with first aid qualifications will provide first aid. However, in an emergency other **staff may be required to help within their level of competency.**

### Procedures:

In the event of a student requiring medical attention, an attempt will be made to contact the parents/guardians before calling for medical attention except in an extreme emergency.

In serious cases, parents/guardians will always be informed as quickly as possible of their child's condition and of the actions taken by the school.

All accidents and injuries will be recorded on the Department's injury management system on CASES21.

A Record of First Aid Treatment will be kept in the general office and information recorded for all students treated in the Sick Bay.

Students from Foundation to two will be given a sticker during lunchtime so as staff are aware of any injuries (non visual).

All injuries to the head are reported to the parents/emergency contacts.

First aid kits will be available for all groups that leave the school on excursions. The content of these kits will be dependent on the nature of the activities, the number of students and staff, and the location of the excursion.

Portable first aid kits will be available for staff on yard duty.

- These kits will contain:

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