



## Bayside Special Developmental School care arrangements for ill children Policy

### 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 school Student First Aid Policy which outlines the school's responsibility to respond to diverse student needs, including health care needs.

### Our School will:

- administer first aid to children when in need 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:

- A sufficient number of staff (including at least 1 administration staff member) to be trained to a level 2 first aid certificate, and with up-to-date CPR qualifications.
- 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 school buses and administration offices.
- Any children in the first aid room will be supervised by a staff member at all times.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time will be referred to the Principal/Assistant Principal or delegate who will manage the incident.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 prescription medication will be administered to children without the express written permission of parents or guardians.**
- For serious injuries/illnesses, the parents/guardians must be contacted so that professional treatment may be organized. Any injuries to a child's head or any incidents involving a fall must be reported to parents/guardian.

- 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 and entered onto CASES 21.
- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home.
- 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.
- All school camps will have at least one 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 to be taken on camps and excursions, as well as kept at school.
- All children, especially those with a documented asthma management plan, will have access to Ventolin and a spacer at all times.
- A member of staff is to 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.
- At the commencement of each year, requests for updated first aid information will be sent home including requests for any epilepsy, 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 organizational matters relating to first aid will be communicated to staff via the staff handbook or through the fortnightly staff bulletin. Revisions of recommended procedures for administering epilepsy, asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis medication will also be conducted annually.
- It is recommended that all students have personal accident insurance and ambulance cover.

Confidential records of all students with specific health needs are maintained securely in the general office for reference as required. A First Aid Register is also maintained noting ailments and treatment for all presenting students.

### Certification

Signed  Date 26/5/14

School Council President

Signed  Date 26/5/2014

Principal

This policy ratified at School Council meeting

26<sup>th</sup> May 2014