



Student Health Care Policy

1. RATIONALE

Caversham Valley Primary School promotes child health, supports child health care needs, and identifies and minimises health risks within the context of the schools' resources, with the assistance available from specialist services.

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

Managing Child Health Care

For children whose health care needs can be supported using resources available to the school, we will:

- Request parents to complete one or more of the Department's standardised health care plans or provide an alternative plan from their child's medical practitioner.
- Manage the implementation and updating of health care plans.
- Arrange the training necessary to enable staff to support child health care.

Medical Emergencies

The Principal and/or administration team are informed of all emergencies.

In a medical emergency, the Principal or delegate will:

- Organise medical attention for the child.
- Make appropriate transport arrangements if required.
- Inform parents as soon as possible of actions taken.
- Promptly record all actions taken.
- Complete online incident notification report if required.
- Arrange a review of the event and debriefing and support for staff/children if required.

The absence of parental consent does not prevent a Principal or delegate seeking medical attention in an emergency. The 'Student Health Care Summary' which is completed at enrolment indicates that parents are expected to meet ambulance costs in an emergency.

Immunisation

The school collects and records information regarding a child's immunisation status and provides information regarding the immunisation record of any student to the Department of Health on request.

Administration of Medication

The school will:

- Require parents to provide information regarding long-term administration of medication in the child's health care plan.
- Require parents to complete relevant documentation for short-term medical administration.
- Require parents to provide any medication the child needs.
- Maintain a record of all medication administered.
- Arrange for all medication to be stored appropriately.

Communicable Disease Management

If a child or staff member has a communicable disease, action in accordance with advice from the Department of Health will be taken. If the communicable disease is notifiable, the Principal will:

- Report the matter to the Public Health Unit and seek their advice on further action.
- Act in accordance with advice from Department of Health staff.

Anaphylaxis

A whole school approach to the prevention and emergency management of anaphylaxis includes:

- Identification of children at risk.
- Development of a health care plan for children with anaphylaxis which includes an ASCIA (Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy) action plan.
- Verify that adequate staff have completed anaphylaxis training.
- Establish procedures for reducing exposure risk to known allergens.
- Establish procedures for responding to anaphylaxis emergencies.
- Verify parents have provided prescribed adrenaline auto-injector.
- Verify that up to date emergency adrenaline auto-injector/s are available.

Head Lice

The Principal may authorise a staff member to examine a child for head lice. If head lice are found, children may be given tasks which do not involve close group work and may not be excluded from school. However, the Principal has discretion under the School Education Act 1999 to require that a child does not attend until the parent confirms that a recommended treatment is being undertaken and all head lice have been removed.