

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION POLICY

Rationale:

Victorian government schools are child safe environments. Our schools actively promote the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment, in accordance with their legal obligations including child safe standards. Teachers and schools, including After School Care, are often asked by parents to administer medication for their children while at school. It is important that such requests be managed in a manner that is appropriate, ensures the safety of students, and fulfils the duty of care of staff.

Aims:

- To ensure that medications are administered appropriately to students in our care.

Implementation:

- Children who are unwell should not attend school or After School Care.
- The Program Co-ordinator / Assistant Principal has agreed to be the staff member responsible for administering prescribed medications to children.
- School staff will not administer non-prescribed oral medications (e.g. headache tablets).
- All parent requests for the Program Co-ordinator / Assistant Principal to administer prescribed medications to their child must be in writing on the form provided and must be supported by specific written instruction from the medical practitioner or pharmacist's including the name of the student, dosage and time to be administered (original medications bottle or container should provide this information).
- All verbal requests for children to be administered prescribed medications whilst at school must be directed to the Assistant Principal, who in turn, will seek a meeting or discussion with parents to confirm details of the request and to outline school staff responsibilities.
- Requests for prescribed medications to be administered by the school 'as needed' will cause the Assistant Principal to seek further written clarification from the parents.
- All student medications must be in the original containers, must be labelled, must have the quantity of tablets confirmed and documented, and must be stored in the locked office first aid cabinet or refrigerator, whichever is most appropriate.
- Consistent with our Asthma policy, students who provide the Assistant Principal with written parent permission supported by approval of the principal may carry an asthma inhaler with them.
- Classroom teachers will be informed by the Assistant Principal of prescribed medications for students in their charge, and classroom teachers will release students at prescribed times so that they may visit the Sick Bay and receive their medications from the Assistant Principal.
- All completed Medication Request Forms and details relating to students, their prescribed medication, dosage quantities and times of administering will be kept and recorded in confidential official loose-leaf medications register located in the Sick Bay. These prescribed medications will be administered by the designated First Aid Officer in the presence of, and confirmed by, a second staff member.
- Students involved in school camps or excursions will be discreetly administered prescribed medications by the 'Teacher in Charge' in a manner consistent with the above procedures, with all details recorded on loose-leaf pages from the official medications register. Completed pages will be returned to the official medications register on return of the excursion to school.

- Parents/carers of students that may require injections are required to meet with the principal to discuss the matter.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

RATIFIED BY COLLEGE COUNCIL

_____ Date: 15/07/2018

School Council President

Review Date July 2021



MEDICATION REQUEST FORM

DATE:

PARENT's NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

(Business Hours)

Dear Principal,

I request that my child _____ be administered the following medication
(Child's Name)
whilst at school, as prescribed by the child's medical practitioner.

NAME of MEDICATION:

DOSAGE (AMOUNT):

TIME/S of MEDICATION:

I have sent the medication in the original container displaying the instructions provided by the pharmacist.

Yours sincerely

• (Parent Signature)