



**Bundoora Primary School**

# **First Aid Policy**

*(includes arrangements for ill students)*

**Date: 13 August 2021**

## **PURPOSE**

To ensure the school community understands our school's approach to first aid for students.

## **SCOPE**

First aid for anaphylaxis and asthma are provided for in our school's:

- *Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *Asthma Policy*

## **POLICY**

From time-to-time Bundoora Primary School staff might need to administer first aid to students at school or school activities.

Parents/carers should be aware that the goal of first aid is not to diagnose or treat a condition.

### **Staffing**

The principal will ensure that Bundoora Primary School has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Our EMP includes the expiry dates of the training.

This list is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the annual review of our Emergency Management Plan.

## First aid kits

Bundoora Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in sick bay.
- 3 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions or camps. The portable kits will be stored in sick bay
- 1 portable kit for each staff member to carry on yard duty.

Lorraine Van Zwienen will be responsible for maintaining all first aid kits.

## Care for ill students

Students who are unwell should not attend school.

If a student becomes unwell during the school day, they may be directed to sick bay or triage and monitored by staff. Depending on the nature of their symptoms, staff may contact parents/carers or an emergency contact person to ask them to collect the student.

## First aid management

If there is a situation or incident which occurs at school or a school activity which requires first aid to be administered to a student:

- Staff who have been trained in first aid will administer first aid in accordance with their training. In an emergency, other staff may assist in the administration of first aid within their level of competence.
- In a medical emergency, staff may take emergency action and do not need to obtain parent/carer consent to do so. Staff may contact Triple Zero “000” for emergency medical services at any time.
- Staff may also contact NURSE-ON-CALL (on 1300 60 60 24) in an emergency. NURSE-ON-CALL provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If first aid is administered for a minor injury or condition, Bundoora Primary School will notify parents/carers by sending a note home to parents/carers, via email, phone call or Compass.
- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency, school staff will attempt to contact parents/carers or emergency contacts as soon as reasonably practical.
- If staff providing first aid determine that an emergency response is not required but that medical advice is needed, school staff will ask parents/carers, or an emergency contact person, to collect the student and recommend that advice is sought from a medical practitioner.
- Whenever first aid treatment has been administered to a student Bundoora Primary School will:
  - record the incident on CASES21
  - record the incident on Compass
  - notify the student’s parents/carers
  - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, follow the Department’s [Reporting and Managing School Incidents Policy](#), including reporting the incident to the Department’s Incident Support and Operations Centre on 1800 126 126.

In accordance with guidance from the Department of Education and Training, analgesics, including paracetamol and aspirin, will not be stored at school, or provided as a standard first aid treatments. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Available on Compass
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Related policies:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Administration of Medication

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Approved by	Principal
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