

Dimboola Memorial Secondary College

Care Arrangements for Ill Students 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 college First Aid Policy which outlines the College's responsibility and procedures with respect to first aid procedures.

Aims:

- 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 the Apply First Aid (previously Level 2) qualification.
- A record of all Apply First Aid trained staff members will be maintained by the OHS officer and available for all staff to see.

Implementation:

- A sufficient number of staff (including at least 2 administration/education support staff members) to be trained to a Level 2 – Apply First Aid – certificate, and with up-to-date CPR qualifications.
- All staff to undertake CPR updates annually and also undertake training in the use of the defibrillator.
- 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 cupboard in the first aid room.
- First aid kits will also be available in each wing of the school
- Supervision of the first aid room forms part of the duty of the office staff
- All injuries or illnesses that require more than basic first aid that occur during the day will be referred to the administration staff who will manage the incident,
- A confidential up-to-date register 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 (for example requiring a band aid or cold pack) 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 first aid trained (Apply First Aid,) staff member to provide first aid.
- Any children with injuries involving blood must have the wound covered at all times.
- No medication including headache tablets will be administered to children. Any medication to be administered at school requires written notification, refer to the Administration of Medication Policy
- Parents of all children who receive first aid will receive a completed form indicating the nature of the injury, any treatment given, and the name of the teacher providing the first aid. For more serious injuries/illnesses, the parents/carers must be contacted by the administration staff so that professional treatment may be organised. Any injuries involving the head will result in the parent/carers being notified.
- Any student who is collected from school by parents/carers 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 edusafe plus.

- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home.
- Parents who collect children from school for any reason (other than emergency) must sign the child out of the school on Passtab in the school office.
- All teachers have the authority to call an ambulance immediately in an emergency. However, if the situation and time permit, a teacher will follow the Dimboola Memorial Secondary College emergency first aid procedure before deciding on an appropriate course of action.
- All school camps will have at least one Level 2 – Apply First Aid trained staff member at all times.
- A comprehensive first aid kit will accompany all camps, along with a mobile phone and a general use EpiPen.
- 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 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 organisational matters relating to first aid will be communicated to staff at the beginning of each year. Revisions of recommended procedures for administering asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis medication will also be given at that time.
- It is recommended that all students have personal accident insurance and ambulance cover. Parents will be reminded of this annually via the newsletter.
- Students with serious medical conditions such as diabetes, seizures or epilepsy will be followed up by the Student Wellbeing Coordinator regarding the implementation of their Student Health Management Plan.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the DMSC:

- First Aid Policy
- Asthma Management Policy
- Anaphylaxis Management Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy

Evaluation:

This policy was last updated in May 2024 and is due for review in May 2027.