

Myrtleford P12 College



Care arrangements for ill students

(including management of Accidents and Incidents)

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 Myrtleford P-12 First Aid Policy. Myrtleford P 12 College 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
- provide a supervised sick bay for use by students until they can be collected by a parent or guardian.

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 staff room and administration offices.
- All injuries or illnesses will be referred to the administration staff who will manage the incident.
- A confidential up-to-date register will kept in the admin area.
- 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 medication including headache tablets will be administered to children without the express permission of parents or guardians.**
- . For more serious injuries/illnesses, the parents/guardians must be contacted by the administration staff so that professional treatment may be organised. Any injuries to a child's head, face, neck or back 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.

- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home. If a parent is not available the nominated emergency contact will be called.
- In instances where a parent or emergency contact is unavailable, students with minor illnesses will be supervised in the sick bay until they are able to be collected.
- In instances where a parent or emergency contact is unavailable, further medical assistance may be sought by admin staff in consultation with a level 2 trained First aid person.

- 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 1 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 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.

Reviewed: every four years **Next Review:** 2019 **Responsibility:** Student wellbeing team