

Yarrabah School

STUDENT HEALTH CARE NEEDS

POLICY

Rationale:

- To ensure that Yarrabah School provides appropriate support to students with health care needs.

Aims:

- To explain to Yarrabah School parents, carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students with health care needs at school.

Implementation:

This policy should be read with Yarrabah Schools Anaphylaxis Management 2018, Asthma 2017, Diabetes 2016, Health and Wellbeing 2016, Hepatitis B 2016 policies.

Student health support planning

In order to provide appropriate support to students at Yarrabah School who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by an Assistant Principal in consultation with the student, their parents, carers and treating medical practitioners.

Student Health Support plans help our school to assist students with:

- routine health care support needs, such as supervision or provision of medication
- personal care support needs, such as assistance with personal hygiene, continence care, eating and drinking, transfers and positioning, and use of health-related equipment
- emergency care needs, such as predictable emergency first aid associated with asthma, seizure or diabetes management.

A Template health planning forms are available here:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/supportplanning.aspx>

- Students with complex medical care needs, for example, tracheostomy care, seizure management or tube feeding, must have a Student Health Support Plan which provides for appropriate staff to undertake specific training to meet the student's particular needs.
- At enrolment or when a health care need is identified, parents/carers should provide accurate information about the student's condition or health care needs, ideally documented by the student's treating medical/health care practitioner on a Medical Advice Form (or relevant equivalent)

- Yarrabah School may invite parents and carers to attend a Student Support Group meeting to discuss the contents of a student's Health Support Plan and necessary assistance that the student may need at school or during school activities.
- Where necessary, Yarrabah School may also request consent from parents and carers to consult with a student's medical practitioners, to assist in preparing the plan and ensure that appropriate school staff understand the student's needs.

Student Health Support Plans will be reviewed:

- when updated information is received from the student's medical practitioner
- when the school, student or parents and carers have concerns with the support being provided to the student
- if there are changes to the support being provided to the student, or
- on an annual basis.

Management of confidential medical information

Confidential medical information provided to Yarrabah School to support a student will be:

- recorded on the student's file
- shared with all relevant staff so that they are able to properly support students diagnosed with medical conditions and respond appropriately if necessary.

Further Information

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:

[Health Care Needs](#)

[Health Support Planning Forms](#)

[Complex Medical Needs](#)

Relevant School Policies:

Anaphylaxis Management 2018
 Asthma 2017
 Blood Spills 2015
 Diabetes 2016
 Gastroenteritis 2016
 Health and Wellbeing 2016
 Hepatitis B 2016
 Injuries to Students 2017
 Medication 2018

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle or as deemed necessary according to the future development of the Victorian Curriculum.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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