



# FIRST AID POLICY

## 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 the:

- *APS Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *APS Asthma Policy*

## POLICY

From time to time Auburn 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

A record of first aid training for staff is maintained by the school's first aid officer/s.

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

Most staff at Auburn Primary School are Level 2 trained and our primary first aid officer/s are:

- Tania Finocchiaro (Last completed training 10/07/2019)
- Natalie Grummitt (Last completed training 13/12/2018)

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### First aid kits

Auburn Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the sick bay (main office)
- 2 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions and camps. The portable first aid kits will be stored in the sick bay (main office)
- 4 portable first aid bum bags which are used for yard duty. These are stored in the 1/2 building, and the main staff room.

The first aid officer/s 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 the sick bay and monitored by office 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 situation, 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/carers 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, Auburn Primary School will notify parents/carers by email. All head knocks/injuries will be reported to parents via phone call.
- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency situation, 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 Auburn Primary School will:
  - record the incident on CASES21/Compass
  - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, report the incident to the Department’s Security Services Unit on 03 9859 6266.

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.

Medication will only be administered by staff at school upon completion of the Medication Authority Form (see APS Medication Policy).

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

APS ASTHMA POLICY

APS ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY



APS HEALTH CARE NEEDS POLICY

APS MEDICATION POLICY

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in June 2020, and is scheduled for review in 2024, or as required.