



Health Care Needs

Purpose

To support and respond to the health care needs of students by:

- promoting student engagement in learning and wellbeing
- providing equitable access to education
- responding to diverse student needs, including health care.

Guidelines

Auburn Primary School will have:

1. Student Health Support Plans or other specific health management plans (such as an Anaphylaxis or Asthma Management Plan) for students with an identified health need, based on:

- medical advice from the student's medical/health practitioner
- consultation with the student and parents/carers.

2. Policies and procedures available to the school community for:

- planning for and supporting student health at school
- the management of medication.

3. Training for school staff:

- in basic first aid
- to meet specific student health needs not covered under basic first aid training, such as managing asthma or for excursions or camps
- to meet complex medical care needs

4. Open communication with students and families about:

- successes achieved
- development and changes
- health and educational concerns.

5. A plan for most students to:
- attend school camps and special events
 - take part in physical activities at school.

Steps

Auburn Primary School will follow the 4 stages to develop a Student Health Support Plan or any other specific health management plan.

Before Enrolment:

Parents/carers will be advised about the school's policy for supporting student health prior to and on enrolment (via the school website)

When a need is identified:

Parents/carers will be required to provide accurate information about a student's:

- routine health care support needs, such as supervision for 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 an allergic reaction, seizure management, anaphylaxis, or diabetes.
- Information will be stored on CASES21 about the student's health condition and any medication to be stored and supervised at school.

Planning process:

The school will plan for a student with health care needs to attend school, camps and excursions.

- 1 The student's medical/health practitioner provides a medical advice form that guides the planning and details:
 - the student's medical condition
 - medication required at school
 - recommended emergency and routine health and personal care support for the student.
- 2 In relation to camps and excursions, parents/guardians complete a Confidential Medical Information School Council Approved School Excursions form.
- 3 The principal or nominee will review the plan with:
 - the student
 - parents/guardians
 - other school staff, if required.

The Health Care Needs Plan:

The plan should be developed shortly after the school has received the medical information. It should include advice from the student's medical/health practitioner. If there is a time delay between receiving this advice and developing the

plan, the school may put in place an interim support plan containing an agreed strategy, such as calling ambulance.

Questions to consider:

- Is it necessary to provide the support during the school day?
- How can the recommended support be provided in the simplest manner, with minimal interruption to the education and care program?
- Who should provide the support?
- Is this support complex and/or invasive?
- Is there staff training required?
- Are there any facilities issues that need to be addressed?
- How can the support be provided in a way that respects dignity, privacy, comfort and safety and enhances learning?
- Are there any care and learning plans that should be completed for students with personal care support?

Monitoring and review

Plans should be reviewed:

- when updated information is received from the student's medical or health practitioner
- when the school, student or parents/guardians have concerns in the support
- if there is a change in support
- at least annually.

*The advice received from the medical or health practitioner is reviewed annually unless it is agreed that the annual review of the plan is not required. In this case, it is up to the principal's discretion whether to request updated medical information.

Related policies:

APS Anaphylaxis Policy
APS Asthma Policy
APS Epilepsy & Seizures
APS Duty of Care Policy

This policy was reviewed in June 2020, and will next be reviewed in 2023, or as required.



General Medical Advice Form

For a student with a health condition

This form is to be completed by the student's medical/health practitioner providing a description of the health condition and first aid requirements for a student with a health condition. This form will assist the school in developing a Student Health Support Plan which outlines how the school will support the student's health care needs.

Please only complete those sections in this form which are relevant to the student's health support needs.

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

MedicAlert Number (if relevant): _____ Review date for this form: _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONDITION
Observable signs and symptoms:
Frequency and severity:
Triggers: (if any)
Possible impact on school-based activities (student's learning, physical activities):

First Aid

If the student becomes ill or injured at school, the school will administer first aid and call an ambulance if necessary. If you anticipate the student will require anything other than a standard first aid response, please provide details on the next page, so special arrangement can be negotiated.

OBSERVABLE SIGN/REACTION	FIRST AID RESPONSE

Privacy Statement

The school collects personal information so as the school can plan and support the health care needs of the student. Without the provision of this information the quality of the health support provided may be affected. The information may be disclosed to relevant school staff and appropriate medical personnel, including those engaged in providing health support as well as emergency personnel, where appropriate, or where authorised or required by another law. You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you/your child and to request that it be corrected. Please contact the school directly or FOI Unit on 96372670.

Authorisation:

Name of Medical/health practitioner:

Professional Role:

Signature:

Date:

Contact details:

Name of Parent/Carer or adult/independent student **:

Signature:

Date:

If additional advice is required, please attach it to this form