

POLICY: STUDENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT HEALTH NEEDS



1. PURPOSE

Students enrolled at Brentwood Park Primary School who have significant health problems deserve and require a supportive and flexible environment that understands and responds to their individual needs.

2. AIMS

To provide a school environment that is supportive of, and responsive to, the physical, social, emotional and academic needs of students with significant health problems.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- The parents/carers of students with significant health needs are required to meet with the Assistant Principal and key staff to develop an Individual Health Management Plan that details the students' needs, as well as detailing an anticipated schedule of school or hospital attendances etc.
- Appropriate school support personnel and outside resources will be accessed to provide support for the students with significant health needs.
- All staff will be made aware of the students' condition and requirements. Staff will be provided with professional development as required.
- Open communication processes will be put in place, including communication books and parent support group meetings as required.
- Forward planning will provide flexible educational programs that can be modified or conducted at home or in hospital.
- The school will maintain appropriate contact with students during times in hospital, so as to provide social, emotional and academic support.
- The school will provide support for siblings and close friends of students with significant health needs as appropriate.
- Special equipment or facilities (ramps, disabled toilets etc) will be accessed as required.

4. EVALUATION

The policy will be reviewed as necessary.