**POLICY:** HEALTH CARE NEEDS

## PURPOSE:
To ensure that the school provides appropriate support to students with health care needs.

## AIMS:
To explain to parents, carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students with health care needs at school.
This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- all students who have been diagnosed with a health care need that may require support, monitoring or medication at school

## IMPLEMENTATION:
**Student health support planning**

- To provide appropriate support to students who may need medical care or assistance, a *Student Health Management Plan* will be prepared in consultation with the student, their parents/ carers and treating medical practitioners.
- *Student Health Management Plan*s 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, migraine, seizure or diabetes management.
- Students with complex medical care needs, for example, tracheostomy care, seizure management or tube feeding, must have a *Student Health Management 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.
- The school may invite parents and carers to attend a Student Support Group meeting to discuss the contents of a student's *Health Management Plan* and assistance that the student may need at school or during school activities.
- Where necessary, the 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 Management 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 the school to support a student will be:

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

## Further information and resources

Related polices are:

- Administration of Medication
- Anaphylaxis Management
- Asthma Management

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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