

First aid policy – including arrangements for ill students

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 Oakwood School's:

- *Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *Asthma Policy*

Located on the school website: <http://www.oakwoodschool.vic.edu.au/>

Policy

From time to time Oakwood 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

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

Oakwood School's trained first aid officers are:

- Yvonne Huggins (Noble Park)
- Ben England (Noble Park)
- Jamie Tankard (Mornington)
- Dawn Jones (Frankston)
- Colleen McCormack (Frankston Careers/Pathways)
- Crystaleya Woods (Chelsea)
- Jennie Breen (Rosebud)
- Daina Burgess (Hastings)
- Brendan Salmon (Caulfield Park)
- Helen Kusters (Pakenham)

First aid kits

Oakwood School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored at the general office of each location.
- The school also provides a portable first aid kit which is to be used for out of school activities. The portable first aid kit is also stored at the general office of each location.

The First Aid Officer as per the Emergency Management Plan 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 an appropriate designated area and monitored by 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/carer 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, Oakwood School will notify parents/carers by either a telephone call or a text message advising the parent/carer to contact the School (if the call is not answered).
- 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 Oakwood School will:
 - record the incident on CASES21
 - 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 treatment. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury.

Further information and resources

Anaphylaxis Policy

Asthma Management Policy

Administration of Medication Policy

Review cycle

This policy was last updated on 26th June 2018.