



Queenscliff Primary School

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 is provided for in our schools:

- *Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *Asthma Policy*

POLICY

From time to time Queenscliff 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

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

Queenscliff Primary School's trained first aid officers are:

- Helene Cameron
- Melissa Fitzgerald

First aid kits

Queenscliff Primary School will maintain:

- a major first aid kit with a child and adult EpiPen is used in the first aid room
- two portable first aid kits each with a Child's EpiPen will be used for excursions and camps
- 3 portable bum bags each with an attached red EpiPen bag are used for each yard duty zone
- A first aid bag with a Child's EpiPen is stored in the kitchen

- all first aid kit/s are stored in the first aid room and are replenished on a monthly schedule unless required earlier
- A bum bag first aid kit is available in each classroom

Helene Cameron will be responsible for maintaining all first aid kits and the monitoring of Epipens.

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 first aid room 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, Queenscliff Primary School will attempt to notify parents/carers by phone call as soon as reasonably practical. If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency situation, school staff will notify parents/carers or emergency contacts as soon as possible.
- 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 Queenscliff Primary School will:
 - record the incident on the Medical register in the first aid room
 - record the incident on CASES21 if more severe
 - 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Health care needs policy
- Administration of medication policy
- Asthma policy
- Anaphylaxis policy
- Duty of care policy

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 11/10/2021 and is scheduled for review in 10/2024