Camperdown College
Care Arrangements for Ill Students
Policy and Procedures

Rationale:
All children have the right to feel safe and well, and know that they will be attended to with due care when in need of first aid. The Care Arrangements Policy is to be read in conjunction with the College’s First Aid Policy which outlines the college’s responsibility and procedures in respect of our “responsibility to provide equitable access to education and respond to diverse student needs, including health care needs.”

Our school will:

- administer first aid to children when in need in a competent and timely manner.
- communicate children’s health problems to parents when considered necessary.
- provide supplies and facilities to cater for the administering of first aid.
- maintain a sufficient number of staff members trained with a Level 2 first aid certificate.

Implementation:

- The school will require parents/guardians of students with a pre-existing medical condition to provide relevant information in writing, including, where relevant, advice from a medical professional with regards to suitable care. For students with diagnosed with Asthma or at risk of Anaphylaxis, this will include the ASCIA (Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy) Plan endorsed by a medical practitioner.
- A sufficient number of staff (including the Office Manager at each campus) will be trained to a Level 2 first aid certificate, and with up-to-date CPR qualifications.
- A first aid room will be available for use at all times. A comprehensive supply of basic first aid materials will be stored in a locked cupboard in the first aid room.
- First aid kits will also be available in key buildings and areas the school, as well as the staff room and administration offices.
- Supervision of the first aid room will form part of the duties of the Office Manager. Any children in the first aid room will be supervised by a staff member at all times.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur during class time, recess or lunch breaks will be referred to the Office Manager who will manage the incident.
- A confidential up-to-date register located in the first aid room will be kept of all injuries or illnesses experienced by children that require first aid.
- All staff will be provided with basic first aid management skills, including blood spills, and a supply of protective disposable gloves will be available for use by staff.
- Minor injuries only will be treated by staff members on duty, while more serious injuries (including those requiring parents to be notified or suspected treatment by a doctor) require a Level 2 first aid trained staff member to provide first aid.
- Any children with injuries involving blood must have the wound covered at all times.
- No medication including headache tablets will be administered to children without the express written permission of parents or guardians.
- Parents of children who receive first aid will be notified by phone call or a first aid notification slip, advising the nature of the injury, any treatment given, and the name of the teacher providing the first aid.

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aid. For more serious injuries/illnesses, the parents/guardians must be contacted by the Office Manager so that professional treatment may be organised. Any injuries to a child’s head, face, neck or back must be reported to parents/guardian.

- The details of any student who is collected from school by parents/guardians as a result of an injury, or who is administered treatment by a doctor/hospital or ambulance officer as a result of an injury, or has an injury to the head, face, neck or back, or where a teacher considers the injury to be greater than “minor” will be reported on the CASES Incident Form.
- Parents of ill children will be contacted to take the children home.
- Parents who collect children from school for any reason (other than emergency) must sign the child out of the school at the office.
- All teachers have the authority to call an ambulance immediately in an emergency. If the situation and time permit, a teacher may confer with others before deciding on an appropriate course of action.
- All school camps will have at least one Level 2 first aid trained staff member at all times.
- A comprehensive first aid kit will accompany all camps, along with a mobile phone.
- All children attending camps or excursions will have provided a signed medical form providing medical detail and giving teachers permission to contact a doctor or ambulance should instances arise where their child requires treatment. Copies of the signed medical forms to be taken on camps and excursions, as well as kept at school.
- All children, especially those with a documented asthma management plan, will have access to Ventolin and a spacer at all times.
- A designated First Aid Officer is to be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of first aid supplies, first aid kits, ice packs and the general upkeep of the first aid room.
- At the commencement of each year, requests for updated first aid information will be sent home including requests for any asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis management plans, high priority medical forms, and reminders to parents of the policies and practices used by the school to manage first aid, illnesses and medications throughout the year.
- General organisational matters relating to first aid will be communicated to staff at the beginning of each year. Revisions of recommended procedures for administering asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis medication will also be given at that time.
- It is recommended that all students have personal accident insurance and ambulance cover.
- Confidential records of all students with specific health needs are maintained securely in the general office for reference as required.

Key reference:

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed every two years or more frequently if required by changed circumstances.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2014