

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 are provided for in our school's Anaphylaxis Policy and Asthma Policy

POLICY

From time to time Strathfieldsaye 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 Strathfieldsaye Primary School has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community. Strathfieldsaye Primary School's trained first aid officers (Level 2) are:

- Cindi Bruechert November 2017
- Julie Ladd November 2017
- Melissa Payne November 2017
- Bec Soulsby November 2017
- Sally Downes November 2017
- Trena Nihill November 2017
- Melissa Bennett November 2017
- Meredith Gallagher November 2017

FIRST AID KITS

Strathfieldsaye Primary School will maintain:

- major first aid materials that are stored in the First Aid Room/Sick Bay cupboard
- three major portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty. The portable first aid kit/s will be stored on the hooks next to the cupboard in the sickbay

CARE FOR STUDENTS

Students who are unwell should not attend school. If a student becomes unwell during the school day, they may be directed to the sick bay 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, Strathfieldsaye Primary School will notify parents/carers via a Compass update message.
- Parents will be notified by phone for all injuries to the head.
- 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 major first aid treatment has been administered to a student Strathfieldsaye Primary School will:

- record the incident on Compass, with serious injuries also recorded on CASES21.
- report the incident to the Department’s Security Services Unit (on 03 9859 6266), if first aid was administered in a medical emergency

ANALGESICS

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, because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy

REVIEW CYCLE: This policy was last updated in November 2019 and is scheduled for review in November 2022.