



PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FIRST AID POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school.

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*
- *Asthma Policy*

POLICY

From time to time Patterson Lakes 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 Patterson Lakes Primary School has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed on a register that our First Aid Officer updates annually and includes the expiry dates of the training.

The list is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the annual review of our Emergency Management Plan.

First aid kits

Patterson Lakes Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit, which will be stored in the first aid room.
- We also have 6 portable first aid bag which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty.
- The portable first aid bags will also be stored in the first aid room.
- Our First Aid Officer 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 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.

Our school follows the Department's policy and guidance in relation to our first aid room area to ensure it is safe, hygienic and appropriately equipped: [First aid rooms and sick bays](#).

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 an injury or condition, such as a head knock, Patterson Lakes Primary School will contact the parents/carers by sending a note home or a phone call.
- 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 resulting from a student incident, injury or illness, Patterson Lakes Primary School will:
 - record the incident on CASES21.
 - if care was provided in response to a medical emergency or reportable incident, follow the Department’s [Reporting and Managing School Incidents Policy](#), including reporting the incident to the Department’s Incident Support and Operations Centre on 1800 126 126 where required to under that policy.

In accordance with Department of Education policy, 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. For further information refer to the Department’s Policy and Advisory Library: [Medication](#)

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training.
- Available publicly on our school’s website.
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required.
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions.
- Reminders in our school newsletter and on Compass.
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Department policies and guidelines:

- [First Aid for Students and Staff](#)
- [Health Care Needs](#)
- [Infectious Diseases](#)
- [Blood Spills and Open Wounds](#)
- [Medication](#)
- [Syringe Disposals and Injuries](#)

The following school policies are also relevant to this First Aid Policy:

- Administration of Medication Policy
- Anaphylaxis and Allergy Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Health Care Needs Policy
- Epilepsy and Seizure Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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