

## *First Aid Policy*

### **General Statement:**

At any one time, a student can have a health condition or care need that could impact on their attendance and participation within school. This can require short or long-term first aid planning, supervision for safety, routine health and personal care support and occasionally complex medical care needs.

Jackson School has a responsibility to provide equitable access to education and respond to diverse student needs, including health care needs.

This policy has been developed to assist supporting student health within a school environment in a pro-active manner.

### **Rationale:**

All students have the right to feel safe and well, and know that they will be attended with due care when in need of first aid.

### **Aims:**

- To administer first aid to students when in need in a competent and timely manner.
- To communicate student's health problems to parents/carers when considered necessary.
- To provide supplies and facilities to cater for the administering of first aid.
- To maintain a sufficient number of staff members trained with a level 2 first aid certificate.

## Implementation:

- A sufficient number of staff (including at least 1 administration staff member) to 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 for excursions & camps will also be available in the first aid room in the school.
- Supervision of the first aid room will be overseen by the administration staff.
- Any student(s) in the first aid room will be supervised by a staff member at all times.
- All injuries or illnesses that occur will be referred to a level 2 first aid trained administration staff who will manage the incident.
- A confidential up-to-date register (kept under lock and key) located in the first aid room will be kept of all injuries or illnesses experienced by students that require first aid.
- All staff will be provided with infection control training, including the management of blood spills, and a supply of protective disposable gloves will be available for use by staff.
- Minor injuries only (such as scratches) will be treated by staff members on duty, while more serious injuries-including those requiring parents/carers to be notified or suspected treatment by a doctor - require a level 2 first aid trained staff member to provide first aid.
- Any students with injuries involving blood or broken skin must have the wound covered at all times.
- No medication (including headache tablets) will be administered to students without the express written permission of parents/carers or guardians using the appropriate Medications Administration form.
- Parents/carers of all students who receive first aid will receive a completed form indicating the nature of the injury, any treatment given, and the name of the teacher providing the first aid. For more serious injuries/illnesses, the parents/carers must be contacted by the administration staff so that professional treatment may be organised. Any injuries to a child's head, face, neck or back must be reported to parents/carers.

- Any student who is collected from school by parents/carers 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 the treating first aid teacher considers the injury to be greater than “minor” will be reported on Department of Education Accident/Injury form LE375, and entered onto CASES21.
- Serious injuries, fatalities, or any incident that exposed a person to immediate risk to their health or safety must be reported to the Department of Education Emergency and Security Management Branch immediately on (03) 9589 6266 and WorkSafe on (13 23 60) and on EduSafe and reference should be made by staff to the school's Incident Management policy.
- Parents/carers of ill students will be contacted to take the student home.
- Parents/carers who collect students from school for any reason (other than emergency or the end of the school day) must sign the child out of the school in a register maintained in the school office.
- All teachers have the authority to call an ambulance immediately in an emergency. If the situation and time permits, a teacher should confer with others before deciding on an appropriate course of action.
- All school camps will have at least 1 Level 2 first aid trained staff member at all times.
- A comprehensive first aid kit will accompany all excursions and camps, along with a mobile phone.
- All students attending camps or excursions will have provided a signed medical form providing medical details and granting 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 students attending camps or excursions who require medication will have provided a signed Medications Administration form providing details of medications to be administered and granting teachers permission to administer the medications.
- All students with asthma or diabetes or anaphylaxis are required to present the school with a management plan prepared by their treating practitioners, and to provide the school with the asthma medications, hypokits or epipens etc needed to implement their plan at school.
- A member of staff 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 to parents/carers including requests for any updated asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis management plans, high priority medical forms, and reminders to parents/carers 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. First aid training and revisions of recommended procedures for responding to asthma, diabetes and anaphylaxis will also be undertaken each year.
- It is recommended that all students have ambulance cover.

### Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

Ratified by School Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Council President

Jackson School Principal