



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school on (03)9772 3471.

## 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*

This policy does not include information on first aid requirements for COVID-19. Our school follows the Department's operational guidance for first aid management relating to COVID-19.

## Policy

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

Bonbeach Primary School's trained first aid officers are:

- Kellie Moore 31.01.2022
  - Terence Cook 31.01.2022
  - Sharon Keates 31.01.2022
  - Wendy Helling 31.01.2022
- In addition to the identified First Aid Officers, all school staff are Level 2 First Aid trained.

## First aid kits

Bonbeach Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the First Aid Room (Kit 1).
- 7 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions and camps. The portable first aid kits will be stored:

- In the First Aid room
- 3 yard duty bags, located outside the First Aid Room.
- 1 defibrillator located in the First Aid room

The 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 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.

Our school follows the Department's policy and guidance in relation to our first aid room 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.
- Parents of all children who receive first aid will receive a note on Compass 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/guardians 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/guardian.
- 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 Bonbeach Primary School will:
  - record the provision of first aid treatment on Compass
  - 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 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. 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:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- 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](#)

School related policies (these policies can be found on our school [website](#)):

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy
- Health Care Needs Policy
- Duty of Care Policy

### Policy Review and Approval

Policy last reviewed	July 2022
Approved by	Principal and School Council
Next scheduled review date	July 2025