

# Medical Health Care Plans (High Risk Students)



## **Health Care Plans**

Many students within our school have special health issues that may need to be managed through the development of individualised health care plans. Common examples include students with asthma, diabetes and those who may suffer from anaphylactic shock.

Where these health issues are common within the school, St Catherine's has developed specific policies dealing with these issues including with:

- Anaphylaxis Management;
- Asthma management;
- Diabetes;
- Eating Disorders, and
- Self-Harming Behaviours.

The common feature of each of these policies is that they require the school to develop a health care plan for individual students affected.

The purpose of this policy is to provide some detail as to the development of and management of health care plans.

## **What is a Health Care Plan**

A health care plan describes:

- The student's specific health care needs;
- The agreed actions St Catherine's will take to meet those needs;
- The procedures to be followed in emergencies; and
- Parent/carer notification procedures.

Health care plans should be agreed between the school, the student (depending on their age), their parents/carers and any relevant medical advisors (where applicable).

Health care plans should be reviewed regularly as a student's health care needs change.

## **When Should an Individual Health Care Plan be Developed?**

Individual health care plans must be developed for students diagnosed with severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis, eating disorders, and self-harming behaviours where the individual students are considered to be at high risk of requiring emergency medical intervention or require the regular supervised administration of medication.

## **Communication of Health Care Plans**

It is the responsibility of the Principal to ensure that key elements of a student's health care plan are effectively communicated to any staff who have responsibility, or are likely to have responsibility, for the supervision of the student.

## **Storage of Health Care Plans**

All student health care plans are stored securely in the **Office by the First Aid Officer.**

## **Confidentiality**

Student medical information will be communicated to relevant staff in a confidential manner on an as needed basis. Health care plans must always be stored securely.

### **Prescription Medication**

Where the health care plan indicates that a student requires assistance with administering prescription medication, administration is to be conducted in accordance with the school's Medication Administration Policy.

### **Parents/Carers Responsibility**

Parent/carers must notify the school upon enrolment, if a student has been diagnosed with any health conditions which require the development of a health care plan.

Parents/carers must notify the school of any changes to their child's medical conditions, medication requirements or emergency contact details to ensure all records are kept up to date.

### **Employees' Responsibility**

All employees are responsible to ensure that they:

- Assist in the development of individual health care plans where they are requested to do so;
- Be aware of the specific health care plans for students in their care especially where an emergency medical response may be required; and
- Cooperate in the implementation of health care plans for students in their care.

### **Implementation**

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

- The development of specific policies for medical conditions that may require emergency responses;
- The development of individual health care plans through effective communication between the school, parents/carers, health professionals and teaching staff;
- Staff training;
- Effective maintenance of medical records;
- Effective incident notification procedures;
- Effective communication procedures; and
- Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.

### **Discipline for Breach of Policy**

Where a staff member breaches this policy, St Catherine's will take disciplinary action.

### **Related Policies**

- ***Accident/Medical Emergency Management***
- ***Anaphylaxis Management Policy***
- ***Asthma Management Policy***
- ***Bites & Stings Policy***
- ***Eating Disorders Policy***
- ***First Aid Policy***
- ***Illness and Disease Policy***
- ***Medical Appointments Policy***
- ***Medical Records (Student) Policy***
- ***Medication Administration Policy***
- ***Self-Harming Behaviours Policy***

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