

CONCORD SCHOOL POLICY

FIRST AID

PURPOSE

To ensure the school community understands our school's approach to first aid for students.

SCOPE

First aid is covered in this policy, with the exception of first aid for anaphylaxis and asthma which is provided for in our school's *Anaphylaxis Policy* and *Asthma Policy*.

POLICY

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

First Aid Kits

Concord School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the administration office at the Watsonia Campus and the First Aid room at the Bundoora Campus.
- Portable first aid kit/s which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty.
- The First Aid Coordinator 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 administration office at the Watsonia Campus and the First Aid room at the Bundoora Campus.

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, Concord School will notify parents/carers through a Compass post.
- 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 Concord School will:
 - record the incident on Compass and reporting on CASES will occur for Notifiable incidences
 - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency or an ambulance attends the site, a report of the incident needs to be made to the Department's Security Services Unit on 03 9859 6266.

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 treatment. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury.

REFERENCES

- Concord School – Anaphylaxis Policy
- Concord School – Asthma Policy
- Concord School – Health Care Needs Policy
- Concord School – Medication Policy

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in June 2021 and is scheduled for review in June 2024.