

	<p>Carlton Gardens Primary School</p> <p><b>FIRST AID POLICY</b></p>	<p><b>Authorisation</b> 2022 <b>Review</b> 2025</p>
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**Purpose:** To ensure the school community understands our school's approach to first aid.

All children have the right to feel safe and well at school, and trust that they will be attended to with due care when in need of first aid. All children have the right to feel safe and well, and know that they will be attended to with due care when in need of first aid. Carlton Gardens Primary School has procedures for supporting student health for students with identified health needs and will provide a basic first aid response as set out in the procedure below to ill or injured students due to unforeseen circumstances and requiring emergency assistance.

**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 Carlton Gardens 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**

A sufficient number of staff (including at least **one** administration staff member) to be trained to a Level Two First Aid Certificate, and with current CPR qualifications.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Our EMP includes the expiry dates of the training. This list is reviewed annually in line with our EMP.

**First Aid Kits**

Carlton Gardens will maintain:

- A Major first aid kit which will be stored in the office (Rathdowne st) the kitchen (Drummond Street)
- There are 4 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty. The portable first aid kits will be stored in the office (along with the hi vis vests).
- The office will be responsible for maintaining all first aid kits, ensuring they are managed in accordance with the department's policy and guidance on first aid kits. - refer to [First aid kits](#).
- First aid kits will also be available in each classroom of the school, with basic first aid supplies.

**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 office 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.

## First aid area.

Our school follows the Department's policy and guidance in relation to our first aid 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 a minor injury or condition staff will notify parents/carers via compass chronicle entry.
- 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 practicable.
- 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 is administered to a student resulting from a student incident, injury or illness, Carlton Gardens will:
  - Record the provision of care on eduSafe Plus. If the care is provided following a [recorded incident](#), the details are recorded through the eduSafe Plus *Incident* form. For all other presentations, the eduSafe Plus *Sick Bay* form is used.
  - 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 and Training policy, 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. 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
- 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 Policy
- Asthma Policy

#### **Review Cycle and Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

#### **Approved by Principal**

Tina McDougall