

MEDICATION

POLICY

Rationale:

- Teachers and schools are often asked by parents to administer medication for their children while at school. It is important that such requests are managed in a manner that is appropriate, ensures the safety of students, and fulfils the duty of care of staff.

Aims:

- To ensure the medications are administered appropriately to students in our care.

Implementation:

- Children who are unwell should not attend school.
- A volunteer staff member will be nominated to be the person for administering prescribed medications to children.
- Non-prescribed oral medications (eg: head-ache tablets) will not be administered by school staff without parent permission.
- All parent requests for staff to administer prescribed medications to their child must be in writing and must be supported by specific written instruction from the medical practitioner or pharmacist's including the name of the student, dosage and time to be administered (original medications bottle or container should also provide this information).
- All student medications must be in the original containers, must be labelled, must have the quantity of tablets confirmed and documented, and must be stored in either the staffroom cabinet or refrigerator, whichever is most appropriate.
- Consistent with our asthma policy, students who provide staff with written parent permission supported by approval of the principal may carry an asthma inhaler with them.
- Classroom teachers will be informed, by the office staff, of prescribed medications for students in their charge, and classroom teachers will release students at prescribed times so that they may visit the school office and receive their medications.
- All completed details relating to students, their prescribed medication, dosage quantities and times of administering will be kept and recorded in a confidential medications register located in the staffroom.
- Students involved in school camps or excursions will be discreetly administered prescribed medications by the 'Teacher in Charge' in a manner consistent with the above procedures, with all details recorded in the medication register located in the staffroom upon return.
- Parents/carers of students that may require injections are required to meet with the principal to discuss the matter.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

August 2013

MEDICATION REQUEST FORM

DATE:

PARENT's NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:
(Business Hours)

Dear Principal,

I request that my child _____ be administered the following medication
(Child's Name)
whilst at school, as prescribed by the child's medical practitioner.

NAME of MEDICATION:

DOSAGE (AMOUNT):

TIME/S of MEDICATION:

I have sent the medication in the original container displaying the instructions provided by the pharmacist.

Yours sincerely

(Parent Signature)