

# Health Care Needs Policy

## Brighton Primary School

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#### **Purpose**

To ensure that Brighton Primary School provides appropriate support to students with health care needs.

#### **Objective**

To explain to Brighton Primary School parents, carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students with health care needs at school.

#### **Scope**

This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- all students who have been diagnosed with a health care need that may require support, monitoring or medication at school.

#### **Policy**

This policy should be read in conjunction with Brighton Primary School's First Aid, Administration of Medication, Anaphylaxis and Asthma policies.

#### **Student health support planning**

In order to provide appropriate support to students who may need medical care or assistance at Brighton Primary School, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by the school principal and/ or the school nurse in consultation with the student, their parents, carers and treating medical practitioners.

Student Health Support plans help our school to assist students with:

- routine health care support needs, such as supervision or provision of medication
- personal care support needs, such as assistance with personal hygiene, continence care, eating and drinking, transfers and positioning, and use of health-related equipment
- emergency care needs - such as predictable emergency first aid associated with asthma, anaphylaxis, seizure or diabetes management.

Students with complex medical care needs must have a Student Health Support Plan which provides all appropriate staff to undertake specific training to meet the student's particular needs. The School Principal is responsible for ensuring all staff are adequately trained according to DET requirements.

At enrolment or when a health care need is identified, parents/carers should provide accurate information about the student's condition or health care needs, ideally documented by the student's treating medical/health care practitioner on a Medical Advice Form (or relevant equivalent)

The Principal or School Nurse may invite parents and carers to attend a Student Support Group meeting to discuss the contents of a student's Health Support Plan and assistance that the student may need at school or during school activities.

Where necessary, parental consent may be requested to consult with a student's medical practitioners and therapists to assist in preparing the plan and ensure that appropriate school staff understand the student's needs.

Student Health Support Plans will be reviewed:

- when a change in health care needs is identified by either the parents or carers, and / or the school
- when updated information is received from the student's medical practitioner or therapist
- when the school, student or parents and carers have concerns with the support being provided to the student
- if there are changes to the support being provided to the student, or
- on an annual basis.

### **Management of confidential medical information**

Confidential medical information provided to Brighton Primary School to support a student will be:

- recorded on the student's file
- shared with all relevant staff so that they are able to properly support students diagnosed with medical conditions and respond appropriately if necessary.

### **Further information and Resources**

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/healthcareneeds.aspx>

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2018

To be reviewed in 2022