



Aurora School

FEEDING POLICY

Aurora School Policy - 2021

RATIONALE

A wide range of children may require specialized feeding either for a short or long period of time for a variety of reasons including:

- Unable to feed themselves independently
- Being unable to consume adequate nutrients
- Impaired swallowing/sucking skills (dysphagia)
- Facial or oesophageal structural abnormalities
- Increased nutritional requirements beyond their current oral skills and nutritional intake
- Congenital anomalies
- Primary disease management.

AIMS

To support school staff in feeding children in a safe and appropriate manner.

To ensure that staff have completed the required training with a specialized service if required and are competent and skilled in the care of students.

To ensure that the school has access to each child's current medical feeding plan which must outline the processes and procedures required to support the child.

IMPLEMENTATION

- When a child is enrolled at the school, arrangements will be made for staff to complete the relevant training and / or refreshers as needed or mandated.
- The child may attend the school before the staff have finalised the relevant training or before a medical feeding plan is available, if a parent or guardian remains and takes responsibility for all feeding.
- Feeding will be carried out according to the child's feeding plan and procedure as directed by the student's registered health professional.
- If the needs of the child change, a new plan from the registered medical specialist, eg. Speech Therapist, Dietician, must be given to the school.
- Formal records will be kept relating to the feeding practice for the child.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	February 2021
Approved by	Principal & Management Team
Next scheduled review date	Three Years – 2024 (or earlier if significant changes required)