



Aurora School

Health Care Needs Policy

PURPOSE

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

OBJECTIVE

To explain to Aurora 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 with Aurora School's *First Aid*, *Administration of Medication*, *Anaphylaxis* and *Asthma* policies.

Student health support planning

In order to provide appropriate support to students at Aurora School who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by our Personal Care Attendant in consultation with families/ carers and treating medical practitioners.

Student Health Support plans help our school to assist children 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, seizure or diabetes management.

Children with complex medical care needs, for example, tracheostomy care, seizure management or tube feeding, must have a Student Health Support Plan which provides for appropriate staff to undertake specific training to meet the student's particular needs. Aurora School connects with RCH upon enrolment to ensure children can be supported appropriately as soon as possible.

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

Where necessary, Aurora School may also request consent from families to consult with a student's medical practitioners, to assist in preparing the plan and ensure that appropriate staff understand the child's needs. Consultation with the child's medical practitioner will not occur without parent/carer consent unless required or authorised by law.



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Student Health Support Plans will be reviewed:

- when updated information is received from the child's medical practitioner
- when the school, parents and carers have concerns with the support being provided to the child
- if there are changes to the support being provided to the child, or
- on an annual basis.

Management of confidential medical information

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

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

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):
 - [Health Care Needs](#)
 - [Health Support Planning Forms](#)
 - [Complex Medical Care Supports](#)
 - [Child and Family Violence Information Sharing Schemes](#)
 - [Privacy and Information Sharing](#)
- Administration of Medication
- Administration of First Aid
- Mental Health, Engagement and Wellbeing Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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