

## **Asthma first aid**

### **Purpose**

All students and staff at the school who are known to have asthma are supported by first aid procedures with an asthma action care plan.

### **Guidelines**

- All staff will be trained in asthma first aid
- Asthma Emergency Kits (AEKs) are accessible to staff

#### *Students*

- Are supported to self-manage their asthma in line with their age and stage of development

#### *Parents/carers*

- Provide an Asthma Care Plan, signed by the treating doctor
- Provide their child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container. A spacer, and mask as required, should also be supplied
- Alert first aid staff to any changes in their child's asthma management

#### *Staff*

- Document any asthma concerns or attack and advise parents/carers as a matter of priority
- Review asthma management plans following any asthma attacks
- Minimise exposure to known triggers
- Follow Asthma First Aid Procedures (attached)

#### *Management*

- Meet all legal, regulatory and policy requirements related to health care planning and asthma management within the service
- Maintain a central record of students health care needs
- Induct new staff in asthma policies and procedures including asthma training and information for all staff

### **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed every year, or more frequently as required, and will incorporate any mandated updates that may be issued.

### **Supporting Documentation**

- DET Schools Policy and Advisory Guide
- First Aid Policy
- Asthma Australia Website - <http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/For-schools.aspx>
- Asthma First Aid Flow Chart (attached)
- Asthma Action Care Plan