



HEALTH CARE NEEDS POLICY

Daylesford Primary School
Drummond Primary School
Yandoit Primary School



*We are Respectful, We are Responsible Learners, We are Honest and Trustworthy,
We are Caring and Compassionate, We are Good Citizens*

PURPOSE

To ensure that Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools provide appropriate support to students with health care needs.

OBJECTIVE

To explain to Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools 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 Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools *First Aid, Administration of Medication, Anaphylaxis and Asthma* policies.

Student health support planning

In order to provide appropriate support to students at Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by First Aid coordinator 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 seizure or diabetes management.

[Note: Template health planning forms are available here:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/supportplanning.aspx>]

Students 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.

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.

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Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools 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.



*We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.
We are proud to acknowledge Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of this Country.*

Where necessary, Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools may also request consent from parents and carers to consult with a student's medical practitioners, 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 updated information is received from the student's medical practitioner
- 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 Daylesford, Drummond and Yandoit Primary Schools 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

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Health Care Needs](#)
 - [Health Support Planning Forms](#)
 - [Complex Medical Needs](#)
- Administration of Medication Policy, First Aid Policy, Anaphylaxis Policy.

REVIEW CYCLE

- This policy was last updated JULY 2019 and is scheduled for review in JULY 2021