

# MURTOA COLLEGE

## FIRST AID POLICY



### Help for non-English speaker

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the Principal at Murtoa College or call 53 852 381.

## PURPOSE

To ensure the school community understands our school's approach to first aid for students.

## SCOPE

First aid for anaphylaxis and asthma are provided for in our school's:

- *Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *Asthma Policy*

## POLICY

From time-to-time Murtoa College staff might need to administer first aid to students at school or school activities.

Parents/carers should be aware that the goal of first aid is not to diagnose or treat a condition.

### Staffing

The Principal will ensure that Murtoa College has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Our EMP includes the expiry dates of the training.

This list is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the annual review of our Emergency Management Plan.

### First aid kits

Murtoa College will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the sick bay area adjacent to the general office.
- 3 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions or camps. The portable first aid kits are stored in the sick bay area adjacent to the general office.

The General Office staff are responsible for maintaining all first aid kits.

### Care for ill students

Students who are unwell should not attend school.

If a student becomes unwell during the school day, they may be directed to the sick bay in the general office area of Murtoa College and monitored by general office staff. Depending on the nature of their symptoms, staff may contact parents/carers or an emergency contact person to ask them to collect the student.

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### First aid management

If there is a situation or incident which occurs at school or a school activity which requires first aid to be administered to a student:

- Staff who have been trained in first aid will administer first aid in accordance with their training. In an emergency, other staff may assist in the administration of first aid within their level of competence.
- In a medical emergency, staff may take emergency action and do not need to obtain parent/carer consent to do so. Staff may contact Triple Zero “000” for emergency medical services at any time.
- Staff may also contact NURSE-ON-CALL (on 1300 60 60 24) in an emergency. NURSE-ON-CALL provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If first aid is administered for a minor injury or condition, Murtoa College will notify parents/carers by sending a note home to parents/carers, email, or by phone call.
- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency, school staff will attempt to contact parents/carers or emergency contacts as soon as reasonably practical.
- If staff providing first aid determine that an emergency response is not required but that medical advice is needed, school staff will ask parents/carers, or an emergency contact person, to collect the student and recommend that advice is sought from a medical practitioner.
- Whenever first aid treatment is administered to a student resulting from a student incident, injury or illness, Murtoa College will:
  - record the provision of first aid treatment on CASES21
  - If the first aid treatment is provided following a [recorded incident](#), the details are recorded through the eduSafe Plus *Incident* form. For all other presentations, the eduSafe Plus *Sick Bay* form is used.
  - if care was provided in response to a medical emergency or reportable incident, follow the Department’s [Reporting and Managing School Incidents Policy](#), including reporting the incident to the Department’s Incident Support and Operations Centre on 1800 126 126 where required to under that policy.

In accordance with Department of Education and Training policy, analgesics, including paracetamol and aspirin, will not be stored at school or provided as a standard first aid treatments. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury. For further information refer to the Department’s Policy and Advisory Library: [Medication](#)

### COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school’s website Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

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### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Murtoa College links to related local policies, including Health Care Needs, Administration of Medication, Anaphylaxis and Asthma can be found on the Murtoa College website

<https://murtoacollege.vic.edu.au/index.php/policies-plans-and-reports/>

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Department policies and guidelines:

- [First Aid for Students and Staff](#)
- [Health Care Needs](#)
- [Infectious Diseases](#)
- [Blood Spills and Open Wounds](#)
- [Medication](#)
- [Syringe Disposals and Injuries](#)

### POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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