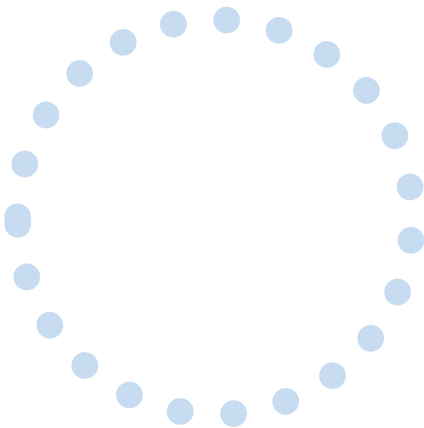
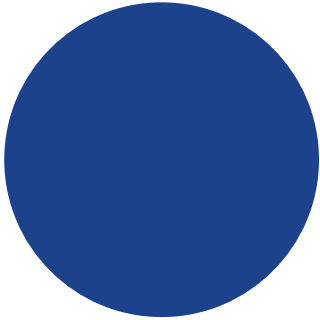


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Audience – Executive, Teachers, Administration Staff, Student Support Staff, Parents/Carers

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1. Introduction

At Tullimbar Public School, the health and well-being of our students are of paramount importance. This policy outlines the procedures and guidelines for addressing first aid, illness, and medical care within the school premises. It is our aim to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students while ensuring effective response to medical needs.

2. First Aid/Illness Management

2.1 The school staff at Tullimbar are committed to providing immediate assistance to injured or ill students. Staff members are trained and equipped to provide basic first-aid care.

2.2 The school maintains a dedicated sick bay in the front office, with additional first aid bags available in various areas of the school premises.

2.3 All staff members are authorised and capable of assisting unwell or injured students.

2.4 During off-site events, staff members will carry a first aid kit to ensure appropriate care can be provided.

3. Parent/Carer Responsibilities

3.1 Parents/carers are responsible for informing the school of any changes in their child's contact information.

3.2 Changes in contact details can be communicated through School Bytes, email, or by obtaining a form from the front office.

4. Illness Procedures

4.1 In case of illness, parents/carers will be contacted, and arrangements will be made to take the student home.

4.2 If taking the student home is not feasible, alternative contacts will be notified.

4.3 Students who cannot be picked up will be cared for in the school sick bay.

4.4 Parents are urged not to send their children to school if they feel unwell.

4.5 Isolation of students within the sick bay may be necessary if flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms are observed.

5. Minor Accidents

5.1 School staff will provide first aid for minor accidents, including cleaning and applying bandages or ice packs.

5.2 If an accident appears more than minor, parents/carers will be informed and may be asked to collect their child for further medical attention.

5.3 Any head injuries will be evaluated by staff, and parents/carers will be contacted for consultation. Further medical care may be recommended.

6. Serious Injury

6.1 In the case of a serious injury, parents/carers will be contacted, and if necessary, an ambulance will be called.

6.2 School staff will remain with the student, offering comfort and assistance until parents/carers or emergency services arrive.

6.3 If there is no response from parents/carers, emergency contacts listed with the school will be notified.

7. Medication

7.1 Parents/carers must inform the school of any health care needs at enrolment.

7.2 Medication delivery requests require completing necessary forms available through School Bytes or from the front office.

7.3 Parents/carers are responsible for providing up-to-date medication and relevant medical information.

7.4 Changes in the child's health care needs must be communicated promptly to the school.

8. Short Term Medication

8.1 Short-term medication should ideally be administered at home.

8.2 If necessary, prescribed medication can be administered at school after completing the Prescribed Medication Request form and approval from the Principal.

9. Students Carrying Medication

9.1 Written notification is required for students carrying medication on themselves or in their school bags.

9.2 The Department of Education (DoE) guidelines should be followed for such cases.

10. Health Care Plans

10.1 Students with complex healthcare needs will have individual healthcare plans.

10.2 These plans will be developed collaboratively with input from medical practitioners and parents/carers.

11. Emergency Response Plan

11.1 Students diagnosed with conditions requiring emergency response will have individual emergency response plans within their health care plans.

11.2 These plans are developed under the coordination of the Principal to ensure appropriate and timely actions are taken.

12. Conclusion

This policy reflects Tullimbar Public School's commitment to providing all students with a safe and caring environment. By adhering to these guidelines, we aim to ensure effective first aid and illness management and promote our students' overall well-being. This policy is subject to review and updates as necessary to align with best practices and legal requirements.