

**Mount Waverley Primary School**  
**Health Care Needs Policy**



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## MOUNT WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Health Care Needs Policy

#### RATIONALE

Mount Waverley Primary School (MWPS) has processes and procedures for supporting students with health care needs while at school and during school activities, including camps and excursions.

#### PURPOSE

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

#### POLICY GUIDELINES

This policy should be read in conjunction with MWPS *First Aid, Medication, Anaphylaxis* and *Asthma* policies.

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.

#### DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THIS POLICY

- DET School Policy and Advisory Guide:
  - [Health Care Needs](#)
  - [Health Support Planning Forms](#)
  - [Complex Medical Needs](#)
- MWPS Anaphylaxis
- MWPS Asthma
- MWPS First Aid
- MWPS Medication
- MWPS Student Wellbeing, Inclusion and Engagement

#### POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

##### Student Health Support Planning

In order to provide appropriate support to students at MWPS who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by the School Nurse 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 asthma, seizure or diabetes management.

Template health planning forms:

<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 (or relevant equivalent)

MWPS 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.

Where necessary, MWPS may also request consent from parents and carers to consult with a student's medical practitioners, to assist in preparing the plan and ensure 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 MWPS to support a student will be:

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

### **EVALUATION**

This policy was created in March 2020 and is scheduled for review in March 2023.

<b>Policy Area:</b> <b>Student Wellbeing</b>	<b>Tabled at School Council:</b> <b>March 2020</b>	<b>Next Review:</b> <b>2023</b>
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