
FIRST AID POLICY



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 East Gippsland Specialist School 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 East Gippsland Specialist School has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

East Gippsland Specialist School's trained first aid officers are: Robin Addison August 2017, Ashleigh Morgan May 2018, Noelene Zagami, August 2017, Diana Kearns August 2017, Jac Rickhuss August 2017, Karen Young August 2017, Kim Ellis August 2017, Ben Curnow August 2017, Michael Mitchell August 2017, Barry Robertson August 2016, Alex Green August 2017, Zoe Gillies August 2017 and Laurel Stevens August 2017.

First aid kits

East Gippsland Specialist School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the First Aid Room. There is 1 first aid kit in both the Woodwork Room and the BER Common Room
- 3 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions, camps, yard duty or sport. The portable first aid kits will be stored: in the First Aid Room, Reception, and MPR office.

Barry Robertson will be 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 will remain in their classroom and be monitored by 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.

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 situation, 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, East Gippsland Specialist School will notify parents/carers by sending a note home to parents/carers, email, phone call].
- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency situation, 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 has been administered to a student East Gippsland Specialist School will:
 - record the incident on CASES21
 - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, report the incident to the Department’s Security Services Unit on 03 9859 6266.

In accordance with guidance from the Department of Education and Training, 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

For health and medical related policies, please visit our schools’ website at eastgippslandss.vic.edu.au.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 02/03/2021 and is scheduled for review in March 2024.