



## Blood Spills

### Rationale

Standard hygiene precautions and the correct management of blood spills and other body fluids minimize the risks of transmission of infectious diseases including bacterial and viral infections.

### Purpose

To provide a school environment that uses safe practices in response to blood spills and other body fluids.

### Guidelines

1. Provide sufficiently trained staff, preferably one member from each Department, in standard infection control procedures and First Aid.
2. Charts displaying standard infection controls will be prominently displayed in appropriate places around the school.
3. Bellbrae School will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers such as disposable gloves, antiseptics, and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks.
4. Students will not be allowed to remain in, or return to normal school activities with exposed blood or body fluids.
5. All parents will be made aware if their child has been treated in the First Aid room (when necessary) or if their child has been in direct contact with the blood or other body fluids of another child. (See First Aid Policy)

## Purpose

At Bellbrae School we try to provide an environment that uses safe practices in response to blood spills and other body fluids.

## Implementation

1. Bellbrae School will provide an adequate First Aid room with warm water, pump action antiseptic soap, disinfectant, detergents, disposable wet wipes, heavy duty rubber gloves, disposable latex gloves and paper towels, plastic sealable garbage bags and sharp objects dispensers.
2. All blood or body fluid spills will be attended to by a gloved staff member where practicable.
3. All children who are obviously bleeding must be treated in the First Aid room, unless inappropriate to do so.
4. The 'blood rule' (immediate covering of blood) in sports and recess/lunch times will be adhered to.
5. All blood or body fluids spills to be completely cleaned according to standard infection control procedures, including the sealing of all disposable materials into a plastic sealable garbage bag for disposal, thorough washing of all instruments in a disinfectant solution, thorough wiping down of all contaminated surfaces with warm water and detergent, and steam cleaning of areas such as carpets when deemed necessary.
6. All wounds will be treated, dressed and covered.

## Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed at part of the school's three-year review process.

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# Program

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