School Community

Student Medication

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Policy ratified by School Council

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Rationale

Many students attending school need medication to control illness. To ensure the well-being and safety of the child this needs to be carefully monitored.

Purpose

To organise a safe process for managing student medication.

Guidelines

- 1. Medication management plans will be used.
- 2. Staff will assist students with their medication.
- 3. Staff will monitor and record details of medication taken.

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Program

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Purpose

To ensure that student's medication is dispensed in a safe and responsible way.

Implementation

- 1. Parents will be informed on the school medication procedures.
- 2. Parents will be encouraged to keep sick students at home.
- 3. Written permission must be received from a parent/guardian before any medication will be administered by staff. (see point 8 below). The 'Medical Authority Form' are available from the office, Administration folders or on the school's web page.
- 4. Student records will be updated as required, including Individual Management Plans where applicable.
- 5. Medication to be administered by a staff member when authority is granted.
- 6. All medication is to be placed in a secure location. (See Asthma Management Policy re: Asthma medication).
- 7. All medication dispensed will be recorded, except where covered by a long-term management plan e.g Asthma Management Plan.
- 8. Alternatives to analgesics will be offered for the management of pain in most circumstances. Analgesics will only be administered after <u>written</u> **or** verbal permission has been granted from the parent or guardian.
- 9. Staff will be kept informed of the school medication procedures.
- 10. Student Medical Details are stored in the First Aid Room filed in alphabetical order in Staff Administration folders and on the Office Computer (which has the student photo).

Evaluation

- 1. The First Aid coordinator will discuss with staff the Student Medication Program.
- 2. Medication Management Plans will be used to monitor students and their medication.
- 3. The First Aid coordinator will meet with staff when necessary to discuss the program and/or any concerns.