



Bethanga Primary School

First Aid Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Bethanga Primary School (02) 6026 4263

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 Bethanga Primary 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 Bethanga Primary School has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Our EMP includes the expiry dates of the training. All staff at Bethanga Primary School complete Asthma, Anaphylaxis and CPR refresher training annually in addition to having current Level 2 First Aid.

This list is reviewed and updated on an annual basis as part of the annual review of our Emergency Management Plan

First aid kits

Bethanga Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the First Aid cupboard in the Administration Building.
- Two portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty. These will also be stored in the First Aid cupboard in the Administration Building.

Our Education Support Staff are responsible for maintaining all first aid kits. These are audited once a term and refreshed more regularly where required.

Care for ill students

Students who are unwell should not attend school.

If a student becomes unwell during the school day they will 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, Bethanga Primary School will notify parents/carers by completing a first aid slip that is sent home with the student in addition to making contact via phone call or text message.
- 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 for serious injuries, Bethanga Primary School will:
 - record the incident on CASES21
 - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, follow the Department's [Reporting and Managing School Incidents Policy](#), including reporting the incident to the Department's Incident Support and Operations Centre on 1800 126 126.

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.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- ✓ Provided to staff at induction and included in staff handbook/manual
- ✓ Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required
- ✓ Made available publicly on our school website
- ✓ Included in transition and enrolment packs
- ✓ Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Health Care Needs Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Anaphylaxis Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

This policy was last reviewed October 2022
 Approved by: Rachel Saunders (Principal)
 Next scheduled review date: October 2025
 (Recommended Review Cycle for this Policy is 3-4 years)