



Gladesville Primary School

Health Care Policy

June 2023



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Gladesville Primary School

Purpose

To ensure that Gladesville Primary School provides appropriate support to students with health care needs.

Scope

To explain to Gladesville Primary School parents, carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students with health care needs at school.

Policy

This policy should be read with Gladesville Primary School's *First Aid, Administration of Medication, Anaphylaxis* and *Asthma* policies.

Student health support planning

In order to provide appropriate support to students at Gladesville Primary School who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by i.e. year leader, student wellbeing coordinator, principal, 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.

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)

Template health planning forms are available here:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/supportplanning.aspx>

Gladesville Primary School 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.



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

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

Further information and Resources

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Health Care Needs](#)
 - [Health Support Planning Forms](#)
 - [Complex Medical Needs](#)
- Administration of Medication Policy

Review Cycle

Source of Requirements: DET/ **Minimum Standards**/ Optional

School Council Approval: Required/ **Not Required**/ Consultation Recommended

This policy is required to be reviewed 3-4 years by School Council. Review Date: 2026

This policy was last approved by School Council: **June 2023**