

# Red Cliffs Secondary College & FLO Connect Policy



## 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 Red Cliffs Secondary College 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 Red Cliffs Secondary College has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Red Cliffs Secondary College's trained first aid officers are:

Staff Member	Training Completed	Date Qualified To
Samantha Armstrong	Level 2	June 2023
Glen Barrow	Level 2	June 2023
Michelle Black	Level 2	November 2023
Matthew Elliott	Level 2	November 2023
Larissa Hamilton	Level 2	November 2022
Andrew Harrison	Level 2	June 2023
Mark Kerr	Level 2	November 2023
David Laity	Level 2	November 2023
Julia Lewis	Level 2	June 2023
Jill Martin	Level 2	June 2023

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Donald Mayne	Level 2	June 2023
Leisha Pound	Level 2	June 2023
Marie Rossiter	Level 2	November 2023
Melinda Scheele	Level 2	November 2023
Kerrie Shaw	Level 2	November 2023
Sandy Thomas	Level 2	November 2022
Margaret White	Level 2	June 2023
Amy Wilson	Level 2	June 2023
Kym Woolley	Level 2	June 2023

#### First aid kits

Red Cliffs Secondary College will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the sick bay at Reception.
- Six portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty.
- The portable first aid kits be stored in the sick bay at reception

Marie Rossiter 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 may be directed to student reception then sick bay and 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.

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- 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, Red Cliffs Secondary College will notify parents/carers by 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 Red Cliffs Secondary College will:
  - o record the incident on CASES21
  - o 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

Related polices, including Health Care Needs, Administration of Medication, Anaphylaxis and Asthma can be found on the College website.

#### **REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION**

This policy was last updated on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 and is scheduled for review in September 2025. It was ratified at College Council on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2022.