



Camperdown College

Health Care Needs Policy

PURPOSE

To ensure that Camperdown College provides appropriate support to students with health care needs.

OBJECTIVE

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

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- all students who have been diagnosed with a health care need that may require support, monitoring or medication at school.

POLICY

This policy should be read with Camperdown College *First Aid*, *Administration of Medication*, *Anaphylaxis* and *Asthma* policies.

Student health support planning

The school will require parents/guardians of students with a pre-existing medical condition to provide relevant information in writing, including, where relevant, advice from a medical professional with regards to suitable care. This should be updated at the beginning of each new school year and as circumstances change. For students diagnosed with Asthma or at risk of Anaphylaxis, this will include the ASCIA (Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy) Plan or Asthma Plan endorsed by a medical practitioner.

In order to provide appropriate support to students at Camperdown College who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by the Principal or Assistant Principal in consultation with the student, their parents, carers and treating medical practitioners. 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.

Student Health Support plans help our school to assist students with:

- routine health or personal care support needs, such as supervision or provision of medication
- emergency care needs, such as predictable emergency first aid associated with asthma, seizure or diabetes management.
- becoming independent in their own health care needs.

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.

Camperdown College 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.

Where necessary, Camperdown College 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 staff understand the student's needs. Consultation with the student's medical practitioner will not occur without parent/carer consent unless required or authorised by law.

Management of confidential medical information

Confidential medical information provided to Camperdown College to support a student will be:

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

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on the Camperdown College website
- Through annual staff induction processes

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Health Support Planning Forms:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/health-care-needs/resources>

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2022 and will be reviewed every three years as part of the school's policy review cycle.