

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

WALLA WALLA, NSW



A Co-educational Christian Day and Boarding School

Student Health Policy

Policy Statement

The physical and emotional wellbeing of students underpins all their activities and interactions with other people. St Paul's College is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. The college recognises the duty of care owed to our students and is committed to working with parents to support the health and wellbeing of students.

The scope of this policy relates to the provision of first aid and wellbeing services to students during the course of a normal school day and during school activities outside normal school hours, including boarding.

Rationale

The Student Health policy provides guidelines for staff to ensure the safety of students in their care when dealing with illness, accidents, and emergencies in both the day school and Boarding Houses. Detailed information regarding process and procedures can be found in the Student Health Procedures document.

This policy is founded on the significant duty of care owed to our students by the college and in particular, by our teachers. As part of this duty of care, teachers are required to administer first aid, when necessary, within the limits of their skill, expertise, and training. A teacher's duty is greater than that of an ordinary citizen in that a teacher is obliged to assist an injured student while the ordinary citizen may choose to do nothing. Further, any staff member must, if necessary, assist in an emergency. Where possible, first aid should be provided by staff who possess first aid qualifications. However, in an emergency, other staff may be required to help within their level of competence.

When on campus and appropriate, students are to be treated in a safe and private environment. Day and boarding pupils can rest in the MedCentre under the advice of the College Nurse during school hours. Boarding students will return to the Boarding House and be cared by the Boarding Supervisors after hours.

The college will require parents/guardians to provide relevant medical information and consent to assist in the care of students. Written and computer based confidential notes of students will be kept by the College Nurse, and when appropriate, Accident Reports will be completed.

Compliance Requirements

The policy is guided by the Work Health and Safety Act which states that an employee must, while at work, take reasonable care for the safety of people who are at the employee's place of work or who may be affected by the employee's acts or omissions at work.

Where a student has been diagnosed with a condition that may require an emergency response, the principal will co-ordinate the development of an emergency response plan as part of the Individual Health Care Plan for the student.

Related Policies and Procedures	Student Health Procedure Student Wellbeing Policy Child Protection Policy
Legislation	Work Health and Safety Act, 2011 Civil Liability Act 2002 (Duty of Care) and the Common Law
Key Relationships/People	Principal College Nurse Teachers

Principles

Our accepted rules for action include:

1. The College Board is committed to excellence and consistency of practice:
 - reflecting the mission and values of the College;
 - responding to the needs of the most disadvantaged and marginalized families in the community;
 - meeting the legal obligations under common law and legislation;
 - meeting the standards of the education sector and professional practice;
 - being faithful to fairness and equity as fundamental criteria in approving policy; and
 - embracing education and training in policy which respects the rights of those who are affected by such policy

Responsibilities

1. College Board - to approve this policy
2. Principal – to ensure procedures in place to:
 - assist students who have health support needs at school
 - have systems in place to collect health information about students at enrolment and on a regular basis
 - collect and record the immunisation status of students at enrolment
 - have systems in place to protect the health and safety of all students when they are at school or involved in school activities
 - develop a health care plan for any student:
 - diagnosed with severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy or anaphylaxis and/or
 - diagnosed with a condition that may require an emergency response
 - who requires the administration of health care procedures
 - collaboratively review health care plans
 - where requested, assist with the administration of medication for a student when a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day
 - provide temporary care when a student becomes unwell at school, which may include the provision of first aid (including emergency care)
 - advise cases of reportable diseases as listed on the NSW Health website, to the local public health unit
 - ensure the school does not use peanuts, tree nuts or any nut products in curriculum or extracurricular activities. This does not include food labelled as may contain traces of nuts.
3. College Staff including College Nurse - to ensure all actions and procedures relate to, and comply with, College policy

Guiding Documents

[NSW Education Health and Physical Care](#)

[NSW Education Health Care Procedures](#)

AISNSW Medical Treatment for Students

Review

This policy may be reviewed before the review date in response to relevant changes, or as requested by the Principal or College Board.

Approved by College Board: March 2022

Review Date: March 2025