

Medical Emergencies



Policy

Rationale:

To support students, staff and others requiring a medical emergency.

Aims:

To ensure schools respond appropriately to emergency medical situations.

Implementation:

College staff must:

- Immediately contact emergency medical services in emergency situations (Call 000)
- Be familiar with the College's emergency procedures including those related to excursions.

Emergency response

In a medical emergency, staff should take emergency action without waiting for parent/guardian consent (if the incident relates to a student). Delays in these circumstances could compromise safety.

Once the action has been taken, staff should notify:

- Parents/guardians or the student's emergency contact (if the incident relates to a student)
- The College Principal or delegate
- The Department's Security Services Unit on (03) 9589 6266.

Examples: An emergency response may be required if the:

- Parents/guardians or emergency contact delay collecting the student
- Student's health and safety starts to deteriorate.

Non-emergency response

Staff providing first aid may assess that an emergency response is not required, but medical advice is needed. In these circumstances, the College should ask the parents/guardians or emergency contact person to collect the student and recommend that advice is sought from a medical practitioner.

Example: This response would apply if a student:

- Receives a blow to the head but there are no signs of concussion
- Reports persistent aches and pains.

Emergency assistance may then be required.

Not-for-resuscitation order

When students have a Not-For-Resuscitation (NFR) order as part of their palliative care to manage a deteriorating and life-threatening condition, the first aid response:

- Should be documented in the Student Health Support Plan
- Must immediately contact an ambulance.

Note: It is not the role of the College and College staff to:

- Make a decision about medical prognosis
- Determine whether the point of the Not-For-Resuscitation order has been reached.

Accompanying students

Upon the principal's discretion a staff member may accompany a student transported by emergency services when one or more of the following applies:

- When requested by paramedics
- The age or development of the student justifies it

*****Note that prior to any staff member accompanying a student transported by emergency services, alternative supervision for any remaining students must have been arranged.

References: ARC Guideline 2 – Managing and Emergency

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in March 2018

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