

Dunkeld Consolidated School No. 6215

Medical Emergencies Policy

PROGRAM LEADER: Principal and School Council Members

COUNCIL RATIFICATION: 23 October 2012

Purpose:

To ensure Dunkeld Consolidated School respond appropriately to emergency medical situations.

Policy

School staff must:

- Immediately contact emergency medical services in emergency situations (Call 000).
- Be familiar with the school'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 Department's Emergency and Security Management Unit on (03) 9589 6266.

Example: 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 school 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.

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:

- A parent/guardian or emergency contact person cannot do so.
- The age or development of the student justifies it.
- The student chooses to be accompanied.
- Alternative supervision for remaining students can be arranged.

Accompanying students: private vehicle

On the rare occasion when a school staff member has to transport a student to emergency care (such as when an ambulance is not available), at least two adults should accompany the student to ensure the:

- Driver is not distracted.
- Student can be constantly supervised.

EVALUATION:

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