



ASTHMA MANAGEMENT

RATIONALE:

- Asthma affects up to one in four primary aged children, one in seven teenagers and one in ten adults. It is important therefore for all staff members to be aware of asthma, its symptoms and triggers, and the management of asthma in a school environment.

PURPOSE:

- To manage asthma and asthma sufferers as effectively and efficiently as possible at school.

GUIDELINES FOR ACTION:

- Professional development will be provided annually for all staff on the nature, prevention and treatment of asthma attacks. Such information will also be displayed on the first aid room wall.
- All students with asthma must have an up to date (annual) written asthma management plan consistent with Asthma Victoria's requirements completed by their doctor or paediatrician.
- Asthma plans will be attached to the student's records for reference.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their children have an adequate supply of appropriate asthma medication (including a spacer) with them at school at all times.
- A designated first aid staff member will be responsible for checking reliever puffer expiry dates.
- Care must be provided immediately for any student who develops signs of an asthma attack.
- The school will follow the Revised Victorian Schools Asthma Policy with respect to management of asthma throughout the school.
- The school will be accredited as an Asthma Friendly School at all times

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.

Adopted by School Council – May 2012

