

NOBLE PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE

Health Care Needs Policy 2021

Noble Park Secondary College Child Safe Commitment

Noble Park Secondary College is committed to child safety.

We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect children from all backgrounds, cultures, languages, LGBTI, religious and other minority groups as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Our College is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

Our College has robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers.

Our College is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

Further information, our policy, code of conduct and reporting processes are available on our website [If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.](#)

PURPOSE

To ensure that Noble Park Secondary College provides appropriate support to students with health care needs.

OBJECTIVE

To explain to Noble Park Secondary 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 Noble Park Secondary College *First Aid, Administration of Medication, Anaphylaxis* and *Asthma* policies

Student health support planning

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

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

- routine health care support needs, such as supervision or provision of medication

- personal care support needs, such as assistance with personal hygiene, continence care, eating and drinking, transfers and positioning, and use of health-related equipment
- emergency care needs, such as predictable emergency first aid associated with asthma, seizure or diabetes management.

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

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.

At enrolment or when a health care need is identified, parents/carers should provide accurate information about the student's condition or health care needs, ideally documented by the student's treating medical/health care practitioner on a Medical Advice Form (or relevant equivalent)

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Noble Park Secondary 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, Noble Park Secondary 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 school staff understand the student's needs.

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.

Management of confidential medical information

Confidential medical information provided to Noble Park Secondary College to support a student will be:

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

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- the Department's Policy and Advisory Library:
 - [Health Care Needs](#)
 - [Health Support Planning Forms](#)
 - [Complex Medical Care Supports](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

- This policy was last updated on 18th February, 2021 and is scheduled for review in 2024

Signed by Principal

