



Health Care Needs

Rationale

To support and respond to the health care needs of students.

Important: Government schools have a responsibility to provide equitable access to education and respond to diverse student needs, including health care needs

Research and evidence suggests intervention to address a health care need at early stages is critical to mitigate life-long disadvantages, particularly for students in their early years.

Goals

The goals of the health care needs policy are to:

- promote student engagement in learning and wellbeing
- provide equitable access to education
- respond to diverse student needs, including health care.

To achieve these goals schools:

- provide:
 - short or long term first aid planning
 - supervision for safety
 - routine health and personal care support
 - occasional complex medical care support
- make local decisions
- create innovative solutions to meet all students' needs
- anticipate, plan and manage health support.

Duty of Care:

According to the Department's duty of care obligations to students, schools are required to ensure all students feel safe and supported at school. This includes supporting and responding to the health care needs of all students.

Evaluation

This policy shall be evaluated as part of the school's cyclic review process.