



St Vincent's Primary School Asthma Policy

Policy goal

All students at our school, who are known to have asthma, are supported via Asthma Friendly Policies and Procedures, and all students, staff and visitors can access Asthma First Aid in an emergency.

Policy commitment

We are committed to being an Asthma Friendly school as outlined by Asthma Australia.

This means:

- Almost all of our staff have completed training in Asthma First Aid and routine management, conducted or approved by the local Asthma Foundation.
- Asthma Emergency Kits (AEKs) are accessible to staff and include in-date reliever medication, single person use spacers (with masks for under 5 year olds if required).
- Asthma First Aid posters are on display and information is available for staff and parents.
- Policies are Asthma Friendly.

Roles and responsibilities

Students:

- Are supported to self manage their asthma, in line with their age and stage of development.

Parents/carers:

- Provide an Asthma Care Plan/Action Plan, which is signed by the treating doctor.
- Provide their child's in-date medication, clearly labelled with their child's name and in the original labelled container.
- Provide a spacer, and mask (if required).
- Alert staff to any changes in their child's asthma management.

Staff:

- Document any asthma attack and advise parents/carers as a matter of priority.
- Follow the spacer and mask replacement policy, which is, name and give a spacer/mask used from the AEK to the student who used it, for their own use in the future, otherwise dispose of it thoughtfully.
- Review documentation regularly to ensure compliance with procedures.
- Minimise exposure to known triggers.

Management

- Meet all legal, regulatory and policy requirements related to health care planning and asthma management at the school.
- Maintain a central record of student's health care needs, including asthma, and review regularly.
- Induct new staff in the Asthma Policies and Procedures, including asthma training and information for all staff.
- Review Policies and Practices.

Monitoring and review

This Policy will be reviewed annually or earlier should a need arise to do so.