



## Asthma Management Policy

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Responsibility: Education Committee

### **1. PURPOSE**

The Noorat Primary School Asthma Management Policy supports our obligation to ensure the health and safety of staff, students and others according to the Occupational Health and Safety legislation in Victoria.

### **2. BROAD GUIDELINES**

- 2.1 Asthma represents a major health problem in the Australian community.
- 2.2 About 30% of all Australians will have respiratory symptoms consistent with asthma at some time in their lives.
- 2.3 Asthma affects 1:4 primary aged students, 1:7 teenagers and 1:10 adults.
- 2.4 Asthma is a major cause of childhood admissions to hospital.
- 2.5 Although asthma can affect the child's health and lifestyle, with appropriate treatment and management asthma can be controlled.
- 2.6 Numerous resources are available to assist teachers with educating students of all ages on asthma.

### **3. IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **BEHAVIOUR**

- 3.1 Compile list of all children who have asthma indicated on their student records.
- 3.2 Parents, in conjunction with a doctor or an asthma educator are to submit an individual Asthma Management Plan to school at the beginning of each year.
- 3.3 The individual Asthma Management Plans are to be kept in the medical cabinet.
- 3.4 All staff are to be made aware of each student presenting with asthma, photos will be posted on the staffroom notice board and an alert is actioned in the Student Details Report for each teacher.
- 3.5 Appropriate medication and spacers to be stocked in the Medical Cabinet and also the portable first aid backpack.
- 3.6 Parents to be informed of use of Ventolin at school by teachers using the medical slip.
- 3.7 Provide asthma education for all staff and ensure they are aware of the steps involved in treating an asthma attack.

#### **CURRICULUM:**

- 3.8 Incorporate programs on asthma management into the curriculum
- 3.9 Regularly reinforce asthma education in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities

#### **ENVIRONMENT:**

- 3.10 Carry a large volume spacer, blue reliever puffer and a copy of each action plan in the school's portable first aid backpack for excursions and camps.
- 3.11 Ensure Student Asthma records are up to date for camps and excursions.

### **4. EVALUATION**

- 4.1 Evaluations to be completed during term two every second year with the Education Committee.