

Medication Policy

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school 9387 6133 or brunswick.sc@education.vic.gov.au

To explain to parents/carers, students and staff the processes Brunswick Secondary College will follow to safely manage the provision of medication to students while at school or school activities, including camps and excursions.

This policy applies to the administration of medication to all students. It does not apply to:

- the provision of medication for anaphylaxis which is provided for in our school's Anaphylaxis Policy
- the provision of medication for asthma which is provided for in our school's Asthma Policy
- specialised procedures which may be required for complex medical care needs.

If a student requires medication, Brunswick Secondary College encourages parents to arrange for the medication to be taken outside of school hours. However, Brunswick Secondary College understands that students may need to take medication at school or school activities. To support students to do so safely, Brunswick Secondary College will follow the procedures set out in this policy.

If a student needs to take medication while at school or at a school activity:

Parents/carers will need to arrange for the student's treating medical/health practitioner to provide written advice to the school which details:

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Brunswick Secondary College will not:

- in accordance with Department of Education and Training policy, store or administer analgesics such as aspirin and paracetamol as a standard first aid strategy as they can mask signs and symptoms of serious illness or injury
- allow a student to take their first dose of a new medication at school in case of an allergic reaction. This should be done under the supervision of the student's parents, carers or health practitioner
- allow use of medication by anyone other than the prescribed student except in a life-threatening emergency, for example if a student is having an asthma attack and their own puffer is not readily available.