



Asthma Friendly Education & Care Services

Policy Goal

All students at Applecross Senior High School who are known to have asthma are supported via Asthma Friendly policies and procedures. All students, staff and visitors can access Asthma First Aid in an emergency.

Policy Commitment

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

This means:

The majority of staff have current 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. Asthma First Aid posters are on display, and information is available for staff and parents. Policies are Asthma Friendly.

**Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (acecqa.gov.au)*

Roles and Responsibilities

Children:

- Are supported to self-manage their asthma in high school: we explain asthma and asthma care to the children and provide care with, not just to, them.
- Asthma is covered in the student's curriculum.

Parents/carers:

- Provide an Asthma Care Plan, signed by the treating doctor
- Provide the child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container.
- A spacer should also be supplied and carried with the student at all times
- Alert the school to any changes in their child's asthma management
- Check the expiry date on medication, replace if out of date.

Staff:

- Document any asthma attack and advise parents/carers as a matter of priority
- Have a spacer replacement policy: name and give a spacer used from the AEK to the child who used them for their own use in the future - otherwise, they need to be disposed of thoughtfully
- Review documentation regularly to ensure compliance with procedures
- Minimise exposure to known triggers

Management:

- Meet requirements under the National Law and Regulations.
 - Provide an appropriate number of First Aid kits
 - Have a plan and risk manage children's health care needs
 - Have safe medication management in place
- Maintain a central record of children's health care needs, including asthma, and review regularly.
- Induct new staff in 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, and earlier should a need arise to do so. (Last reviewed February 2021)

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