

Complementary Medicine First Aid Policy

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: *What is this policy?*

A: The Complementary Medicine First Aid Policy allows parent/s to authorise their child/ren receiving complementary medicine items for minor injuries and ailments from the School's Complementary Medicine First Aid Kit.

Q: *Why has the School introduced this Policy?*

A: This year the School received numerous requests and complaints regarding the restrictions on the use of complementary medicines and the removal of homeopathics/complementary medicines from the School's first aid kits.

The Board noted that the use of homeopathic/complementary medicines is generally considered to be consistent with the Steiner ethos that the School is based upon but needed to confirm that it could meet its duty of care to students and families while administering complementary medicines provided that appropriate procedures and policies are in place. This Policy is the final step to make this happen.

Q: *What is in the school's first aid kits?*

A: The School's first aid kits are stocked and replenished with the recommended first aid supplies in accordance with the school's capacity and Work, Health and Safety requirements. In addition, the School now also has Complementary Medicine First Aid Kits.

Q: *Are all staff trained in first aid?*

A: Yes. All staff are trained in Senior First Aid plus two staff members are trained in Remote First Aid. Relevant staff are also being trained in the use of the Complementary Medicines in the School's Complementary Medicine First Aid Kits.

Q: *How can I find out what is in the Complementary Medicine First Aid Kit?*

A: On our website – Welcome / School Documents / Complementary Medicine First Aid Kit Policy / Complementary Medicine First Aid Kit Contents. Or ask at Reception for a copy of the list.

Q: *Will the school administer homeopathic medicines to my child in a medical emergency?*

A: No. All staff are trained in first aid. In the event of a medical emergency, staff will follow standard medical practice as per their first aid training and call Queensland Ambulance Services.

Q: *Does my child/ren have to receive Complementary Medicine?*

A: No. Complete the opt in/out form above (Complementary Medication Authority) and opt out of this initiative and your child/ren will NOT be given items from the Complementary Medicine First Aid kit.

Q: *I am happy for my child/ren to receive some of the items on the kit list. Can I pick which ones are okay?*

A: No. Families cannot pick and choose from the list but must 'opt in' or 'opt out' of all items as they have been recommended by the School Homeopath and our staff will be trained in their use.