



Boarding Program

Boarder Injury, Illness and Access to Health Services Policy

<p>Source of Obligation</p>	<p>Section 3.4(a) of the Australian Boarding Standard requires the Boarding House to implement policies and procedures in relation to the management of boarder health and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Our Policy</p>	<p>The focus of St Philip's College's Boarding House is the boarders. St Philip's College is committed to the health and wellbeing of all boarders.</p> <p>It is our policy that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we have implemented procedures for caring for ill or injured boarders • we have clear guidelines for boarders' use of health services both on and off campus • we provide medical support and guidance for boarders • provide health education to boarders.
<p>Boarder Critical Illness or Injury Procedure</p>	<p>Where a critical incident occurs which presents an immediate and serious danger to a boarder's health or wellbeing, an ambulance should be called immediately by calling emergency services on 000.</p> <p>Following the calling of emergency services, where practical, the College Nurse and Director of Boarding should be notified.</p>

All boarders are to be accompanied by a staff member if they are to be hospitalised or seek immediate external medical treatment. If the illness or injury occurs on the boarding campus, the staff member will be the Director of Boarding or another delegated staff member.

If the illness or injury occurs during an off-campus extra-curricular activity, the staff member may be a coach or supervising staff member. These staff members should contact the Director of Boarding immediately to arrange the Director of Boarding or another delegated staff member to attend the hospital or external medical facility.

In all cases of critical illness or injury, the Director of Boarding is to make immediate arrangements to inform the boarder's parent/carer. Once at the hospital or external medical facility, and depending on the level of care and the procedures/tests being undertaken, the Director of Boarding is to ensure the doctor in charge makes contact with the parent/carer to speak directly where possible.

When the boarder is discharged, or their parents/carers arrive, the staff member may return to the **College**. Alternatively, the staff member may return to the **College** once the boarder has been admitted and is settled under the care of hospital staff.

Boarder Non-Critical Illness or Injury Procedure

Boarder Illness or Injury During School Hours

Boarders who become injured or ill during the school day are to be referred to the **College** Nurse.

If the illness or injury is such that a boarder cannot remain at school, they will be taken back to the **Boarding House**.

If the illness or injury is such that the boarder needs additional medical treatment, the boarder will be taken to a doctor by Boarding Staff and the boarder's parents/carers will be notified.

If the illness or injury is such that a boarder cannot remain at the **Boarding House** their parents/carers should be contacted for collection.

Boarder Illness or Injury Outside of School Hours

Boarders who become injured or ill outside of school hours should notify supervising staff or the Director of Boarding. On their direction, boarders may proceed to the Boarding medical centre, or to the rostered staff member in charge of the management of key health events.

If the injury or illness is such that a boarder cannot remain in the **Boarding House**, their parent/carers should be contacted for collection.

If parent/carer collection is not feasible, a boarder may be taken to a doctor by Boarding Staff.

Infectious Diseases - Boarders

If the boarder is displaying signs of infectious disease, refer to our Infectious Diseases (Student) Policy.

The **College** Nurse/Boarding Staff member in charge of key medical incidents will contact the boarders' parents/carers in the event of any medical treatment for an infectious or contagious illness. Refer to our Student Medical Records Policy.

Boarder Medical Conditions

At St Philip's College there are a number of boarders with existing and ongoing medical conditions that require appropriate adjustments, monitoring and medical attention.

These include, for example:

- allergies (including food allergies)
- dietary requirements (e.g. gluten intolerance)
- diabetes
- epilepsy.

	<p>The Boarding House has developed a Boarding Staff First Aid Training and Accreditation Policy that includes procedures for the management of key health incidents. Our Student Duty of Care Program also contains additional policies for the management of existing and ongoing medical and health conditions of all students at the College, including boarders.</p>
<p>St Philip's College's Health Facilities</p>	<p>We have the following on-site medical facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Centre <p>Where additional health services are required, St Philip's College uses the following providers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Australia Aboriginal Congress (indigenous students only) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Side Clinic 2. Gap Road clinic 3. Sadadeen & Larapinta in case of emergencies 2. Bath Street Medical Centre (non indigenous students) 3. Central Clinic and Mall Medical Centre 4. Alice Springs Podiatry 5. Optical Superstore 6. Alice Springs Physiotherapy , Traeger Avenue 7. Flynn Drive Dental 8. Hearing NT – Flynn Drive Community Health Centre 9. Alice Springs Hospital – Emergency Department/Outpatients Specialists Offices
<p>24-Hour Emergency Medical Access</p>	<p>In the event of a medical emergency involving a boarder, Boarding Staff will call Triple Zero (000).</p> <p>If a boarder is sick but it is not a life-threatening emergency and they do not require immediate medical attention, Boarding Staff will call Healthdirect Australia on 1800 022 222. Healthdirect Australia is a 24-hour telephone health advice line staffed by</p>

	<p>registered nurses to provide fast and simple expert advice on any health issue and what to do next.</p>
Boarding Staff Responsibilities	<p>All Boarding Staff are responsible to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• they act in a way that demonstrates the welfare of the boarder is paramount• they deal with injuries and health issues as an immediate priority• parents/carers are notified as soon as is practically possible in the event a boarder is ill or injured• safe transport of boarders is provided when required.
Implementation	<p>This Policy is implemented through a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boarding Staff training• effective incident notification procedures• effective communication procedures• effective record keeping procedures• initiation of corrective actions where necessary.