



Yarraville Special Developmental School

No. 9278

## ASTHMA POLICY

Yarraville SDS Principal:

Ashwini Sharma

School Council President:

Kim Mace

### Certification

School Council President

Signed

*J. Mace*

Date

28/3/2017

Principal

Signed

*A. Sharma*

Date

28/3/17

This policy ratified at School Council meeting

28 Feb 2017



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## **ASTHMA POLICY**

### **Aims**

To manage asthma and asthma sufferers as effectively as possible at school.

### **Rationale**

Asthma affects up to one in four primary aged children, one in seven teenagers and one in ten adults. It is important therefore for all staff members to be aware of asthma, its symptoms and triggers and the management of asthma in a school environment.

### **Implementation**

- Asthma attacks involve the narrowing of airways making it difficult to breathe.
- Symptoms commonly include difficulty in breathing, wheeze, dry and irritating cough, tightness in chest and difficulty in talking.
- Professional development will be provided for all staff on the nature, prevention and treatment of asthma attacks. First aid information will be displayed in every room.
- Training will consist of yearly updates and full training every three years as provided by Asthma Foundation of Victoria.
- All students with asthma must have an up to date written asthma management plan this is to be reviewed annually.
- Asthma plans will be provided as part of First aid information supplied to each room.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their children have an adequate supply of appropriate asthma medication, including spacer with them at school at all times.
- Asthma reliever medication is provided in Yard first aid bags, in First Aid box in office area and First Aid room. Camps will also be provided with medication.
- Care must be provided immediately for any student who develops signs of an asthma attack.
- Children suffering asthma attacks should be treated in accordance with their asthma plan or if no plan is available then according to the Victorian Schools Asthma plan.
- Our school is registered as an Asthma Friendly School and will follow the Asthma Foundation Schools Asthma Policy.

### **Evaluation**

### **Certification**

Principal

School Council President