1. Will the school have a health care planning form for my child’s condition(s)?

Forms are available for common conditions. For other conditions the generic health care form or a plan provided by a medical practitioner can be used.

The following plans are available:
- Severe allergy/anaphylaxis;
- Minor and moderate allergies;
- Diabetes;
- Seizure;
- Asthma;
- Activity of daily living;
- Administration of medication;
- Emergency response plan for students with special needs; and
- Generic health care plan (for all other conditions).

2. Where can I obtain the forms?

The forms can be obtained from the school office.

3. What do I do if my child’s health needs change?

Advise the principal immediately if an existing plan needs to be changed or a new plan needs to be developed.

4. What do I need to do if my child is using medication for a short time, e.g. antibiotics and needs to have it administered at school?

You will need to provide the school with written authorisation to administer the medication.
Your child’s health

What health information does the school require at enrolment?

You will be asked:

- to provide a copy of your child’s immunisation record (ACIR History Statement if available - Tel: 1800 653 809)
- to complete a Student Health Care Summary (HCS) form which provides an overview of your child’s health care needs and information for use in a medical emergency
- to complete, sign and return one or more specific health care plans if the HCS indicates your child requires support at school
- to ensure that any medication and equipment you provide for your child is up-to-date and in good working order

Note:

- You may wish to meet with school staff to discuss your child’s health care plan, particularly if staff need to be trained to support your child.
- Some health care plans for serious conditions require a medical practitioner’s signature. It is important to arrange this as soon as possible.

What will the principal do when I return the health care plan(s)?

The principal will:

- review the plan(s) to ensure the school is able to provide the necessary support;
- arrange staff training if required to support your child;
- ensure plans are implemented, monitored and reviewed annually;
- manage the confidentiality of your child’s health care information; and
- provide appropriate storage for medication and health equipment.