

PERSONAL CARE

POLICY

Rationale:

Personal care support is daily living support, usually provided by parents/guardians. At school, students may require the provision of assistance for:

- toileting and personal hygiene
- eating and drinking
- transfers and positioning
- dressing

Students may need personal care support due to:

- their age
- developmental delay
- medical conditions
- short term circumstances (such as a student wearing a plaster cast)
- long term circumstances (such as complex medical care needs).

Aim:

- To enable students with extra personal care needs to attend school.

Implementation:

- St Kilda Park Primary School will support students with long or short term personal care needs when necessary.
- The school acknowledges that individual personal care needs may vary. When necessary, support plans will be developed and reviewed during SSG meetings.
- As with all aspects of provision of health and personal care support, assisting a student with the management of personal hygiene routines must be conducted in a manner that maximises the student's safety, comfort, independence, dignity, privacy and learning.
- Management practices will also reflect occupational health and safety standards for the school. This will include;
 - Using the first aid toilet area where appropriate.
 - Maintaining safe personal hygiene practices (for example using gloves and appropriate hand washing procedures).

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

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