



## SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE

### BLOOD SPILL AND CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POLICY

**Rationale:** The spill of blood may create a hazard to all pupils and staff due to the possible carrying of diseases.

**Policy Statement:** Spotswood College is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all staff and students. The potential of diseases being transmitted in blood related incidents/accidents needs to be prevented.

#### Guidelines:

1. Each year all staff (including support staff) will be briefed and provided with information on the procedures for dealing with blood spills within the school environment by a trained staff member.
2. Students will also be briefed and provided with information on the procedures for blood spills.
3. Blood spill procedures will be displayed in all appropriate locations.
4. Blood spill kits shall be provided in risk areas. All kits shall be checked once per term and will be restocked after use and/or as required.
5. All sport teachers and sports co-ordinators need to ensure that a first aid kit containing appropriate blood spill consumables and gear is available when sporting activities are taking place.
6. Blood Spill Procedures:-
  - a) Students and staff should wear adequate footwear to prevent puncture wounds to feet.
  - b) Always cover cuts and grazes.
  - c) On the various sporting areas (grassed areas, sealed areas, the beach arena, gymnasium and swimming pool) any bleeding wounds must be covered or treated immediately before the student/player commences or returns to the activity involved.
  - d) For any serious cut, open wound etc, students must report to the Sickbay immediately for treatment if able to be moved safely.
  - e) Wear disposable gloves when giving first aid or dealing with faeces or blood. Gloves should be disposed of after one use. If gloves are not available a towel or cloth will provide a barrier to blood, or use a plastic bag.

#### Approval:

When the Board approved this Policy it agreed that no variations of this Policy or amendments to it could be made, except with the majority approval of the Board.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 November, 2013.

Signed on behalf of, and with the authority of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
Board Chairperson

Due for Review: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Reviewed Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed for B.O.T. \_\_\_\_\_