



STUDENT HEALTH CLINIC POLICY

Rationale:

A student health clinic at school provides additional support for the health needs of our students.

Policy Statement:

To provide confidential health advice to students.

Guidelines:

1. The clinic is run by the school's allocated Public Health Nurse (PHN). A Doctor may be available at the PHN's discretion.
2. The Clinic will operate within the guidelines of the Contraception, Sterilization and Abortion Act 1989.
 - NB: The Fraser guidelines refer to the guidelines set out by Lord Fraser in his judgement of the Gillick case in the House of Lords (1985), which apply specifically to contraceptive advice:
 - "...a doctor could proceed to give advice and treatment provided he is satisfied in the following criteria:
 - 1) that the girl (although under the age of 16 years of age) will understand his advice;
 - 2) that he cannot persuade her to inform her parents or to allow him to inform the parents that she is seeking contraceptive advice;
 - 3) that she is very likely to continue having sexual intercourse with or without contraceptive treatment;
 - 4) that unless she receives contraceptive advice or treatment her physical or mental health or both are likely to suffer;
 - 5) that her best interests require him to give her contraceptive advice, treatment or both without the parental consent."
3. The clinic will observe student confidentiality except where concerns of suicide, danger to the student or danger to others as a result of one student's behaviour are apparent.
4. The clinic will give holistic healthcare advice as a health professional.
5. The clinic will refer students to other health professionals where appropriate and with the student's knowledge and consent.
6. The Health Clinics will be advertised regularly so students have equitable access.
7. The students will be able to self refer via an appointment system in the main office.
8. Students at all times will be advised to discuss health issues with their parents/caregivers.

9. The PHN may be contacted through the school office, if there is need for an urgent referral, with consultation a Deputy Principal or Guidance Counsellor if necessary.
10. The PHN will liaise when appropriate and necessary with the Guidance Counsellor and Deputy Principals.

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 23 September, 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. _____