



# Diabetes

## POLICY

### Rationale:

- To ensure Port Melbourne Primary School supports students with diabetes.

### Aims:

- To enable students with diabetes to participate fully in Port Melbourne Primary School Life.

### Implementation:

- Students who have diabetes should be identified by parents at school enrolment or as soon as the diagnosis has been made.
- Staff will be emailed at the start of every year (or on the enrolment of a pupil if midyear) a list of all diabetic students in the school and their teacher.
- Every student with diabetes at PMPS will have a Diabetes Management Plan which is written in consultation with the child (if appropriate), parents and Diabetes Healthcare professional.
- The Diabetes Management Plan will contain:
  - A photo of the child
  - Emergency contact numbers
  - Symptoms and treatment of a HYPO (mild and severe)
  - Symptoms and treatment of a HYPER
  - Excursion/Camp treatment
  - Sport treatment
- The Diabetes Management Plans for each child will be displayed in the staffroom, the medical room, the child's classroom and a laminated copy in every yard duty bag.
- Parents should notify the school immediately, and provide an amended action plan, should their child's diabetic treatment change in any way.
- The child's class teacher, their partner teacher and the first aid officer will meet with the parents at the start of each academic year (or upon enrolment) to discuss the diabetes management plan and familiarise themselves with the practices that need to be followed.
- A child's request to have their blood levels tested will always be listened to, never ignored or treated as trivial.
- Staff members will have appropriate training on how to monitor adequately the diabetic student. Particularly when leaving the school grounds for excursions
- Staff members who are trained to support children in their diabetes management will be on the school premises at all times during the school day.
- Back up carbs and emergency supplies will be kept in the child's classroom and the medical room at all times. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that there are adequate supplies and that these are in date and labelled appropriately.
- Testing kits, back up carbs, emergency sugar supplies and the child's action plan will be taken by the teacher in charge whenever the child leaves the school premises.
- Parents of diabetic children are to supply treat packs of appropriate food for when there are special occasions at school, eg, birthday celebrations.

### 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....

