



# St John's College

## FIRST AID

### RATIONALE

To provide initial support and care to staff, students and visitors of the college requiring emergency care.

First aid involves emergency treatment and support to:

- preserve life through:
  - clearing and maintaining open airways
  - restoring breathing or circulation
  - monitoring wellbeing until the person recovers or is transferred into the care of ambulance paramedic, doctor or nurse
- protect a person, particularly if they are unconscious
- prevent a condition worsening
- promote recovery.

**Note:** The goal of first aid is not to diagnose or treat the condition.

### AIMS

- To administer first aid to staff, students and visitors, in a competent and timely manner.
- To communicate health problems of students to parents when considered necessary.
- To have permission from parents to call an ambulance or seek medical help in an emergency.
- To maintain a sufficient number of staff members trained with a Level 2 First Aid Certificate.
- To provide supplies and facilities at both the Junior and Secondary School, to cater for the provision of first aid in accordance with department guidelines.
- To encourage preventative measures which include the development of procedures to minimise emergency situations and to promote safety awareness.
- First aid requirements for students and staff with identified health care needs should be explained in the Health Support Plan or Anaphylaxis Management Plan.