



To ensure that Mount Waverley Secondary College appropriately supports students diagnosed with asthma and comply with the school's policy advisory guide for asthma as published by the Department

Mount Waverley Secondary College acknowledges that the management of a student with asthma is a partnership between the college, the staff, the student, the student's parents/carers and the student's medical practitioner.

Mount Waverley Secondary College aims to:

- explain to Mount Waverley Secondary College parents/carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students diagnosed with asthma.
- Identify the students diagnosed with asthma and have the medical information for all students received prior to the start of each c



Reliever medications work quickly to relax the muscles that have tightened around the airways, enabling the airways to open, making it easier to breathe. Blue/grey reliever medications are used to treat an asthma emergency through the national Asthma First Aid procedure.

A plastic container with a mouthpiece (or mask for very young children) at one end and a hole for the inhaler at the other. The medicine is 'fired' from the puffer into the spacer and inhaled.



6. It is the responsibility of the parents to:
 - Provide the appropriate coloured Asthma Action Plan;
 - Inform the college in writing if their child's medical condition changes and if relevant, provide an updated Asthma Action Plan
 - Provide an up to date photo for the Asthma Action Plan when that plan is provided to the college and when it is reviewed; and
 - Provide the college with the appropriate medication set out in the plan (eg: Ventolin)



Do not leave them alone

Seek assistance from another staff member or reliable student to locate the student's reliever, the Asthma Emergency Kit and the student's Asthma Action Plan (if available).



Continue giving 4 doses of reliever medication every 4 minutes whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

An asthma attack can be a very traumatic experience for the student, others witnessing the reaction, and parents. In the event of an asthma attack, students and school staff may benefit from post incident counselling or school psychologist.

After an asthma attack has occurred it is important that the following review processes take place.

1. Any medication and/or spacers are replaced if required



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*Staff who undertake the online training must provide a copy of their certificate to the college to be stored with the staff training records in the Nurses office.

NOTE: First Aid training courses are not recognised as evidence of accredited training in Asthma.

Mount Waverley Secondary College will provide and maintain Asthma Emergency Kits.

Kits will be kept on school premises in the First Aid Offices and the following locations:

Junior Campus

Technology

Food Tech (in Emergency Response Kit)

Science

Senior Campus

MS Office First Aid Kit

SS Office First Aid Kit

Hall

PE First Aid Kits

Food Tech (in Emergency Response Kit)

Technology (in Woodwork Area)

First Aid Kits for camps and excursions will contain Asthma Emergency Kits and additional kits will be provided depending on the event

The Asthma Emergency Kit will contain:

at least 1 blue or blue/grey reliever medication such as Airomir, Asmol or Ventolin

at least 2 spacer devices (for single person use only) to assist with effective inhalation of the blue or blue/grey reliever medication (Mount Waverley Secondary College will ensure spare spacers are available as replacements).

clear written instructions on Asthma First Aid, including:

- how to use the medication and spacer devices
- steps to be taken in treating an asthma attack

A record sheet/log for recording the details of an asthma first aid incident, such as the number of puffs administered.



The college nurses