MEDICAL AND HEALTH

MEDICAL POLICY and INFORMATION
The Department of Education will assist students to access necessary health care while they are attending school or school-based activities. The Department of Education will endeavour to ensure that health care standards are met, that identified health risks are minimised and that good personal and environmental health practices are promoted.

The School provides health care within their level of experience for any student in an emergency situation if professional assistance cannot be promptly accessed. Parents share responsibility with the school to ensure the provision of appropriate health care for their child. This includes: providing accurate and relevant information about their child’s health history, any medical conditions, health care needs and immunisation history at the time of enrolment and throughout their child’s attendance at the school; advising staff if their child is bringing any medication to school and completing a Health Care Authorisation; providing advice about their child’s health from a health professional when requested by the Principal; providing written permission for a Principal or identified staff member to be able to directly contact a health professional; assisting the school to develop Health Care Authorisation in response to identified health care needs or medical conditions.

A HEALTH CARE AUTHORISATION is an Agreed Management Plan developed by parents, the School Principal and relevant medical information. This describes the assistance or health care procedures that may be required whilst a student is at School.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION: The School will comply with parent requests for their child to be supervised or assisted in the administration of medication. Parents are required to provide the School with written information about the following: the reason for taking the medication; details including the name of the medication, dosage, when it must be taken and any other relevant information; whether the student is able to self-medicate or if staff supervision is necessary. Each time a student takes medication at school a record will be made and stored as part of the student’s health care records. Incorrectly labelled or out of date medication or medical equipment that is not in good working order will not be accepted for use by staff. Short Term Medication and Long Term Medication require completion of Health Care Authorisation Forms prior to administration of medication.

COMMUNICABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Chicken Pox Exclude from school. Re-admit 1 week from on-set of last crop of blisters.
Measles Exclude from school. Re-admit 1 week from appearance of rash, if well.
Mumps Exclude from school. Re-admit 14 days from on-set, if well.
Head Lice Exclude from school until all lice and nits (eggs) are removed.
Ringworm Exclude from school. Re-admit once treatment has started.
Scabies Exclude from school until treated started.
School Sores Admit to school if under treatment.

NURSE
The school nurse will carry out routine hearing and vision screening at school. The school nurse is not available to care for, or to be consulted by parents about children who are sick before they leave home. Sick children are the responsibility of their parents and should be sent to a Doctor.

DENTAL SERVICES
A permanent, dedicated Dental Health Centre will be situated at Yanchep Beach Primary School from 2014. (Contact details not yet known.)
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
The school has the services of a dedicated School Chaplain for counselling and emotional support. An appointment can be arranged with the Chaplain or Student Services.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
The School has the services of a School Psychologist for counselling, psychological testing and related services to students and/or parents. It is necessary to make an appointment which can be arranged through the relevant Deputy Principal.

A.I.E.O. (Aboriginal Islander Education Officer)
The school has the services of an A.I.E.O at the school who can provide assistance for indigenous students and/or parents whilst they are at school.