



# First Aid Policy

## Context

St Patrick's College is a Catholic day and boarding school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition, established in 1893. St Patrick's College is committed to providing a caring, supportive, and safe environment where every student has a place, a voice and their story is known. Edmund Rice Education Australia is committed to providing safe and supportive environments where all children and young people entrusted to our care are affirmed in their dignity and worth as a person.

## Background

Edmund Rice Education Australia – Victorian Schools Limited (EREA-VSL), as St Patrick's College's governing authority, sets the policy framework for all EREA-VSL schools. These policies have been contextualised for St Patrick's College's particular school environment so that our policies reflect the needs of our students\*.

\*Student includes any person enrolled in the College, either as a day pupil or as a boarder.

## The Hazard – First Aid

First aid is the immediate treatment or care given to a person suffering from an injury or illness and, in extreme cases, a quick first aid response could mean the difference between life and death.

In many cases first aid can reduce the severity of the injury or illness, as quick and competent first aid calms the injured person and reduces unnecessary stress and anxiety. By law every workplace is required to provide appropriate first aid facilities.

## St Patrick's College's Policy

St Patrick's College has developed our first aid plan based upon the size, location and nature of our workplace, the number and composition of workers and students we have, the nature of the hazards we have identified through our WHS Program, and our assessment of our likely first aid requirements, which may include the treatment of cuts, bruises, loss of consciousness, sprains, strains, fractures, shock, burns, and cardiac arrest.

First aid kits, and defibrillators are located throughout the school. Refer to the addendum.

## DRSABCD Action Plan

In an emergency every second counts. The DRSABCD Action Plan is a seven step guide that will help save lives:

### D check for DANGER:

- To you;
- To others; and
- To the casualty.



## Discipline for Breach of Policy

Where a person breaches this policy St Patrick's College may take disciplinary action.

## Addendum 1. Location of First aid Kits and Defibrillators

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## Status of Policy

