ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Health Centre

School should be a happy, positive place for all. Health, happiness and learning cannot be separated in their importance to every child.

Promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of students is a vital aspect of Essex Heights Primary School’s commitment to student care. The school Health Centre is attended by a First Aid Officer, ensuring that all students have access to expert first-aid and health care with minimal disruption to their schooling. Parents can rest assured that their children will receive appropriate, individualised care throughout their years at EHPS.

First Aid
The Health Centre is a fully equipped First Aid area which can accommodate all manner of illness and injuries. Children and staff have access to the Health Centre throughout the school day for management of any issue (physical or emotional) that may arise. In addition to this, classrooms and teachers are equipped with mini First Aid kits to manage minor classroom mishaps, so as to ensure minimal disruption to your child’s learning wherever possible.

Health Issues
Health issues such as Asthma and allergies are increasing amongst primary school aged children. If your child is asthmatic, has an allergy, diabetes or epilepsy you will probably want to speak with the First Aid Officer and formulate a specific plan for optimal management of your child’s health whilst at school. Medical forms are sent out at the beginning of each school year to ensure information is kept up to date, and parents are encouraged to notify the Health Centre of any change in your child’s condition.

Medication
Many children require medication administration whilst at school. Some children have ongoing medication needs for conditions such as attention deficit disorders; others have short term needs such as an antibiotic for several days. Whatever your child’s needs, the school First Aid Officer is available to manage children’s medication in a safe and appropriate manner whilst they are at school.

Other Medical Needs
Sometimes students have greater medical needs which can be managed in the school environment by the school First Aid Officer, enabling greater attendance and productivity from their schooling. This may include adjustments to routine following hospital admission (i.e. assistance with toileting), short-term wound and dressing management or liaison with hospital staff to ensure all the child’s medical needs are being met whilst at school.

Head Lice
Whilst head lice are relatively common, they are uncomfortable and can be quite a distraction to the child. The school First Aid Officer performs checks of children’s hair when required and supports the school community in managing head lice in the most appropriate manner.

Parent Support
Lastly, but certainly not least, the School First Aid Officer is available in the Health Centre throughout the school day (make an appointment or just drop in) to chat to parents about any issues they may have with their child’s health or welfare. Whether this is just a sympathetic ear or the first step in obtaining further support and intervention, the First Aid Officer is happy to listen and assist.
Supplementary Medical Details

In order to provide the best possible care to your child whilst they are a student at Essex Heights Primary School, please return this form with the enrolment package. This information is kept strictly confidential and is only made available to those staff members directly involved in the care of your child.

Please answer Yes or No to the following questions and provide details where required.

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________

Anticipated commencement date at Essex Heights Primary School: ____________________________

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Name of person completing this form: ________________________________

Relationship to student: _________________________________________

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________________