

Safe Handling of Syringes

POLICY

Rationale:

- To ensure the safety of students and staff from the potentially harmful effects of used syringes.

Aims:

- To provide a safe means of disposing of used syringes found on or near the school grounds.
- To ensure all staff are familiar with the safe practice for disposing of potentially harmful syringes.
- To ensure students are aware of appropriate procedures upon encountering a syringe.

Implementation

- *Students* are not to touch or pick up a syringe/needle found in or around the school.
- Students are to report the sighting of a syringe/needle to an adult/staff member.
- It may be necessary for a responsible student to warn approaching students of the presence of a syringe whilst another child alerts an adult.
- *Staff* personal safety and the safety of students must be taken into account when dealing with a used syringe.
- When on yard duty, staff notified should locate the syringe and send for assistance from the office.
- When safe to do so, syringes should be picked up using tongs and placed into a solid container. (A *sharps* container and tongs are available from the First Aid room).
- Containers with syringes/sharp objects must be returned to the office for appropriate disposal via the Brimbank City Council.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review c

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