



Student Illness or injury

Every child that presents to First Aid will be supported with care and concern for their personal needs.

Managing student injury

In general, the decision to contact a parent/carer is at the judgement of the First Aid trained staff and is dependent on the perceived severity of the injury and/or the child's level of distress. Particular attention is given to contacting home with bumps or injuries to the head, back and teeth. Students are encouraged to report all injuries to the front office.

Managing student illness

As for injuries, the decision to contact a parent/carer is at the judgement of the First Aid trained staff and is dependent on the perceived severity of the illness and/or the child's level of distress. However, the following procedures apply for student illness:

- Students referred to sick bay are signed in by First Aid staff;
- In normal circumstances the maximum stay in sick bay for illness is 15 minutes. After this, the child's parent/carer will be phoned to collect the child, if this has not already occurred;
- A phone call to parents would be expected when a student reports to the sick bay with an injury that involves head, face, teeth or back;
- Students who present as ill for the second time in a day will have their parent/carer phoned, so that they can be collected; and
- When collecting his/her child, parents are advised to seek information from the staff, about the child's condition and sign out their child.

Health and safety

Whilst the school appreciates the importance of parents work commitments, students should not present at school with medical conditions that are in the contagious phase. This includes including cold and flu. In accordance with ACT Public Health Regulations 2000, parents are assigned a responsibility to exclude their child from school and notify the school if they believe that their child has an infectious disease or has been in contact with a person who has one of the diseases listed on the attached list. This list includes information about the school exclusion periods.

[Infectious Diseases Outbreak and Exclusions Period Procedures \(act.gov.au\)](http://act.gov.au)

If a student presents with head lice at school, staff will contact parents to collect the student and complete treatment at home.