



Continence Care

Rationale:

To support students needing continence care to attend school.

Note: This policy does not cover young children for whom continence care is related to their age and level of development.

Aims:

To support students needing continence care to attend school.

Implementation:

Definitions:

Incontinence is the lack of control over bowel or bladder functions and can be caused by:

- Medical conditions such as:
 - Gastroenteritis, causing short term incontinence.
 - Lack of bowel nerve function, causing long term incontinence.
 - Ladder over-activity, causing day wetting.
 - Medical intervention, such as a side effect of medication.
 - Development delay or physical and intellectual disability.
 - Life experience such as behaviour associated with a history of abuse.

Strategies and actions:

The following table outlines the strategies and actions that schools can undertake to help students manage their own personal hygiene routines.

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Action</u>
• General	In general, children should be allowed to go to the toilet when they need To go or when medical need has been identified.
• Request advise	Schools should encourage parents/guardians to seek professional advice on causes or management of persistent continence issues in cases where advice has not yet been sought.
• Develop a plan	Schools should develop a Health Support Plan which details family and school staff roles and responsibilities, as required to the specific circumstance and the individual student's needs.

Related policies:

- Facilities and Infrastructure
- Infectious Diseases
- Personal Care Support
- Personal Hygiene

Evaluation:

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

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