PREAMBLE

From time to time students with special medical needs present for enrolment into the school. Special medical needs refers to existing, known conditions which have the potential to be at least detrimental to the health of the child and at most life threatening.

These students require medication or special procedures for managing a health condition. The school has a duty of care to minimise the risks faced by these students in a way which allows the student to participate as fully as possible in the life of the school. The school will rely heavily on the advice and support of parents in the first place as well as the assistance of specialist personnel as appropriate.

POLICY

Sacred Heart School welcomes students with special medical needs. Special enrolment procedures and training of appropriate staff will be implemented to minimise any risks associated with the health condition.

CONSEQUENCES

- Information about any existing conditions will be collected on the Student Enrolment Form or will be provided by parents after a diagnosis of a current student is made. In some cases it may be appropriate for enrolment to be delayed until an informed risk assessment can be completed.
- An Emergency Response Plan and Emergency Information will be formulated by the school in consultation with the parent, based on medical advice.
- The school will develop an implementation strategy which addresses staff training (including casual teachers), and communication strategies for relevant aspects of the individual health care plan.
- Where appropriate the child’s peers will be educated about the health condition and the health risks presented.
- The Emergency Response Plan and Emergency Information should be reviewed at least annually or more often if circumstances change.