



Oakleigh Grammar

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1. Preamble

Standard hygiene precautions and the correct management of blood spills and other body fluids minimise the risks of transmission of infectious diseases including bacterial and viral infections.

2. Purpose

To provide a school environment that uses safe practices in response to blood spills and other body fluids.

3. Protocols

1. Key employees of Oakleigh Grammar will be trained in standard infection control procedures and first aid.
2. Advice on the need for care in handling spills of blood and other body fluids will be displayed in proximity to first aid room/s and main first aid stations.
3. The School will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers for example disposable gloves, safety glasses and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks.
4. The School will provide an adequate first aid room with warm water, pump action hand soap, antibacterial hand wash, disinfectant, detergent, rubber gloves, disposable gloves and paper towel, plastic sealable garbage bags and sharps disposal units.
5. All blood or body fluid spills will be attended to by a staff member immediately after the injured / ill party is tended to.
6. All children who are bleeding will be comforted and have the bleeding contained prior to moving to the first aid room.
7. Blood and or body fluid spills should be treated as if they are potentially infectious and all to be cleaned according to the following standard infection control procedures:
 - a) Put on single use gloves, protective eyewear and avoid direct contact with blood or other fluids (cover any cuts or abrasions to your own hands with waterproof dressings prior to putting on gloves)
 - b) Use paper towels to mop up the blood spill and dispose of them into two plastic garbage bags e.g. double bag

- c) Wash area with warm water and detergent; drench area with undiluted 'Miltons' or equivalent cleaning product and leave for 10 minutes.
 - d) Mop up solution using disposable cloth/paper towel and dispose of into a doubled garbage bag.
 - e) Wash area with detergent and water rinse and dry.
 - f) If spill occurs on carpet wet with cold water make area safe and have carpets steam cleaned.
 - g) Remove gloves and place into double garbage plastic bag, seal bag and dispose of it in a rubbish bin.
 - h) Wash hands in warm soapy water and dry thoroughly
 - i) If re-usable items/utensils are used for cleaning the spill rinse with cold water, wash in warm water with disinfectant, rinse in hot water and dry.
9. Wounds will be cleaned, dressed and covered as per Department of Education Student Health guidelines: *Blood spills and Open Wound Management*
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/blood-spills-and-open-wounds-management/policy>
10. Children will not be allowed to remain in, or return to normal school activities with exposed blood or body fluids.
11. All clothing that needs to be removed due to blood must be placed in a leak-proof plastic bag labelled with child's name and returned to parents for laundering.
12. All parents will be made aware if their child has been treated in the first aid room, or if their child has been in contact with another bleeding child.
13. In the event of occupational exposure by staff, students or others:
- Perform appropriate first aid
 - Skin injuries- do not squeeze, wash affected area with soap and water and cover with a waterproof dressing
 - Eyes/mucous membranes- wash / irrigate with normal saline (up to 500mls for eyes) if in mouth spit and rinse well repeat.
 - Notify First Aid/school nurse immediately
 - Complete an incident report
 - Seek medical advice and follow up with their recommendations, e.g. testing, counselling, documentation.