



Mount Barker
Primary School

ONGOING CONTROLLED MEDICATION at MOUNT BARKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Controlled drugs that may be prescribed to children and young people and administered in an education and care service include:

- psychostimulant medication for the management of ADHD for example methylphenidate (Ritalin) or dexamphetamine
- pain relief for long term chronic pain management, for example oxycodone (Endone®) or fentanyl patch.

Controlled drugs are prescription medicines that have a higher potential for misuse, abuse and dependence. As such, there are strict management procedures in a school setting to ensure safety and handling.

Generally, medication that requires administration 3 times per day can be administered outside of school hours. At home in the morning, after school and in the evening.

If your child needs to have medication administered during school hours, you will need to have a Medication Agreement (HSP-151) completed by your GP. This document needs to specify the medication, the dose and the specific time that the medication needs to be administered.

HSP-151 form

All medication must be provided in an original pharmacy container with a pharmacy label. This means we are **no longer able to accept refilled bottles with tablets**. If unpacked or decanted the medication integrity may be compromised and medication errors may occur. Providing medication in a blister pack or Webster pack is best practice for safe medication management. If half-tablets are prescribed, MBPS First Aid staff will cut the tablet.

Medication **must not** be delivered to the school by the student, **only the parent/guardian can deliver or collect medication**. Signature will be required upon delivery/collection.

Mount Barker Primary School can store up to a term's supply on site. Medication is locked in a secure location. At the end of school term, we will return unused medication which will need to be signed for by the parent/guardian.

Medication that is required short-term should be provided daily or weekly.

As Required or Emergency medications (such as Asthma medication or Epipens) may be stored at the education or care service at all times. These require different forms and instructions, please speak to the Office Administrator for more information and support.



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