MOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Asthma Policy

Policy goal

All students at the school who are known to have asthma are supported via Asthma Friendly policies and procedures and all students, staff and visitors can access Asthma First Aid in an emergency.

Policy commitment

We are committed to being an Asthma Friendly school as outlines by Asthma Australia. This means:

- ☐ The majority of staff have current training in Asthma First Aid and routine management, conducted or approved by the local Asthma Foundation.
- ☐ Asthma Emergency Kits (AEKs) are accessible to staff and include in-date reliever medication, single person use spacers (with masks for under 5 year olds if required)
- ☐ Asthma First Aid posters are on display and information is available for staff and parents
- ☐ Policies are Asthma Friendly

Roles and responsibilities

Students:

- ☐ Are supported to self-manage their asthma in line with their age and stage of development; we explain asthma and asthma care to the students and provide care with, not just to, them.

Parents:

- ☐ Provide an Asthma Care Plan, signed by the treating doctor
- ☐ Provide their child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container. A spacer, and mask as required, should also be supplied
- ☐ Alert staff to any changes in their child's asthma management

Staff:

- ☐ Document any asthma attack **and** advise parents/carers as a matter of priority
- ☐ Have a spacer - and mask - replacement policy: name and give a spacer/ mask used from the AEK to the student who needs them for their own use in the future – otherwise they need to be disposed of thoughtfully
- ☐ Review documentation regularly to ensure compliance with procedures
- ☐ Minimise exposure to known triggers

Management

- ☐ Meet all legal, regulatory and policy requirements related to health care planning and asthma management within the service
- ☐ Maintain a central record of students' health care needs, including asthma, and review regularly
- ☐ Induct new staff in asthma policies and procedures including asthma training and information for all staff
- ☐ Review policies and practices

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed annually and earlier should a need arise to do so.