



Policy Title	Diabetes Mellitus (Type 1 and Type 2) Policy		
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Rationale:

To ensure that Reservoir High School supports students with diabetes, and that the school develops and implements support and management plans for students living with diabetes mellitus ('diabetes').

Upon enrolment Reservoir High School in conjunction with parents/carers and treating medical team are required to develop a clear and tailored health management plan to support the student's individual health care needs.

Reservoir High School is required to ensure that students with **Type 1 diabetes** have:

- a current individual *Diabetes Management Plan* prepared by the student's treating medical team (provided by parents/carers)
- a current *Diabetes Action Plan* prepared by the student's treating medical team (provided by parents/carers); and
- a *Student Health Support Plan*, developed by the school in consultation with the parents/carers and where appropriate the student's treating medical team, see: [Health Support Planning Forms](#).

Aims:

Reservoir High School has a legal obligation to consult with the student and parents/carers about the needs of the student and what reasonable adjustments must be made. Reservoir High School will consult with parents/carers and on an ongoing basis through regular Student Support Groups.

To ensure that students with diabetes are happy, safe and participatory members of Reservoir High School.

Implementation:

Students with diabetes will be identified and their confidential details will be retained in their school files.

At Reservoir High School students will be encouraged and supported to learn to take responsibility for the management of their own health needs in non-emergency situations where possible.

Reservoir High School will make necessary adjustments for students with diabetes and take reasonable steps to prevent reasonably foreseeable risks of injury. These reasonable adjustments are likely to include:

- determining any additional arrangements required to assist each student, in accordance with the student's Health Support Plan
- assessing staff training requirements based on individual student needs
- ensure that staff undertake appropriate diabetes education.

This includes:

- general education for all school staff
- specific training for staff closely involved with students with diabetes
- ensuring training is up-to-date and appropriate in light of any changes to a student's Health Support Plan

At enrolment or at the time of diagnosis, the parents/carers should discuss their child's diabetes management and support needs with the Assistant Principal or delegated staff member.

Arrangements for administering insulin during school hours should be documented in the Student Health Support Plan.

A student's diabetes management kit or 'Hypo Box' (which may include adequate supplies of insulin, disposable syringes or pen injector devices, blood testing equipment, and glucose or suitable sugar products to prevent or treat an insulin reaction) will be kept in the general administration office. The diabetes management kit must always accompany the student on any camp or school excursion.

Students with a medical condition are flagged on Compass.

Impact at school:

Reservoir High School students with diabetes should enjoy and participate in school life and curriculum to the full. However, due to their diabetes they may need:

- special consideration when participating in sport, excursions, camps and other activities
- extra diabetes management plans for overnight camps and excursions prepared by the student's treating medical team
- special consideration during exams and tests
- extra toilet provisions
- extra consideration if unwell
- some individual supervision
- to eat at additional times, especially when involved in physical activity
- special provisions for privacy when checking blood glucose levels and injecting insulin, if required.

Students may require some time away from school to attend medical appointments, but in general, attendance at school should not be an ongoing issue.

Copies of students current individual diabetes school action plans are located in the General Administration Office, staffrooms and sub schools.

References:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/diabetes.aspx>

<http://www.diabetesvic.org.au/cms>