MEDICATION POLICY – SENIOR SCHOOL

In the interest of the health and safety of all students, the School implements the following medication policy:

1. Students with asthma should carry their own asthma medication (inhalers) with them at School.

2. The School will not administer any medication to students (except bronchodilators in an asthma attack) without the consent of parents/guardians. This includes paracetamol.

3. Consent must be given on a yearly basis by parents/guardians for paracetamol to be administered at school. This will be collected via the personal information forms, which are updated at the beginning of each year.

4. The School will keep the paracetamol in a secure locked location.

5. Paracetamol will not be given without supervision of a properly qualified person. At a minimum this means that the supervisor must have current St John’s Level 2 or Red Cross Senior First Aid Certificates.

6. Administering the paracetamol:
   - One standard dose (2 x 500mg tablets) may be given to students over 12 years of age. Dosages for younger students will be age appropriate.
   - The students will be supervised for 30 minutes in a first aid room following the administration to assess the effectiveness of the treatment before being sent back to class or arrangements made for transport home under parent/guardian supervision.
   - If pain persists or further requests for paracetamol are made on that day referral to a doctor will be suggested to parent/guardian.
   - The time, date, dosage and reason for administering the paracetamol will be recorded on the students’ medical information form and signed.

7. Paracetamol is normally administered by a First Aid Officer in the Junior School or the School Nurse (if unavailable, by a First Aid Officer) in the Senior School.