MEDICATION POLICY – JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

1. Students with asthma should carry their own asthma medication (inhalers/bronchodilators) with them at School, as recommended by the Asthma Foundation.

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

3. Ventolin is kept at all times in the School Sick Bay for emergency use.

4. Parents/guardians are to supply any necessary medication and hand the medication to the Front Office staff, with the exception of bronchodilators.

5. Signed instructions detailing student's name, dosage, name of medication and times of administering medication must be supplied with all medication. Medication which has been prescribed by a medical practitioner and obtained from a pharmacy must be handed in its original container and have a pharmacy label clearly stating the name of the patient and the dosage required. For over the counter medication, signed instructions detailing student's name, dosage, name of medication and times of administering the medication must be supplied.

6. For medication supplied on an ongoing basis, written consent must be given on a yearly basis by parents/guardians.

7. The School will keep all medication in a secure location.

8. No medication will be given without the supervision of a properly qualified person. At a minimum, this means that the supervisor must have a current First Aid Certificate.

9. The time, date, dosage and reason for administering all medication will be recorded on the student's medical information form and signed. A signed slip will be handed to the student informing parents of the time, dosage and reason for administering all medication.

NB - Panadeine or cold and flu based preparations will not be administered to students by staff whilst at School. Alternative methods, such as ice/heat, or anti-inflammatory rubs (supplied by the parent/guardians) may be used, depending upon the student and his/her symptoms.