Policy Rationale
Students enrolled at our College who suffer from significant health problems deserve and require a supportive and flexible College environment that understands and responds to their individual needs.

Policy Aims
To provide a College environment that is supportive of, and responsive to, the physical, social, emotional and academic needs of students with significant health problems.

Procedure
• All students who are entitled to attend CCAE are welcome to do so.
• All students have a right to have their individual physical, social, emotional and academic needs identified and addressed.
• The parents/guardians/carers of students with significant health needs are required to meet with the Manager and key staff, including the Welfare Coordinator, to develop an individual plan that details the student’s needs, as well as detailing an anticipated schedule of College or hospital attendances etc.
• Parents/guardians/carers will be informed by the Manager that staff may not be qualified, competent or comfortable providing some forms of medication or support. Staff may reserve a right of refusal to perform certain medical tasks in some instances. To cover such circumstance the parents/guardians/carers are required to sign a release that enables the College to contact Ambulance/Medical assistance, the cost of which will be borne by the parents/guardians/carer and/or their insurance provider.
• All staff associated with students with health needs will be made aware of the student’s condition and requirements. Staff will be provided with professional development as required.
• Open communication processes will be put into place, including regular parent/guardian/carer support group meetings with the Welfare Coordinator and Teachers/Trainers of the student.
• Forward planning will provide flexible educational programs that can be modified or conducted at home or in hospital.
• Communication will be maintained with educational facilities in hospitals to ensure continuity of studies.
• The College Welfare Coordinator will maintain appropriate contact with students during hospitalisation, so as to provide social, emotional and academic support.
• The College will provide support for siblings and close friends of students with significant health needs as appropriate.
• The College is already fitted with ramps for access into all areas of the College and a toilet for disabled students and staff and the Board of Management will seek special equipment or facilities as required.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed bi-annually and at times when children with significant health needs are about to attend, or are attending, our College.