



Condom Provision Policy 2022

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Purpose

To recognise the importance of ensuring students develop into sexually healthy adults and engage in safe sex practices, Castlemaine Secondary College supports the delivery of comprehensive sexual health education programs which may include the provision of condoms from nominated staff of the Wellbeing Team .

Objective

To explain to Castlemaine Secondary College parents, carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students to develop into sexually healthy adults and engage in safe practices.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- all students at Castlemaine Secondary College

Policy

Castlemaine Secondary College understands the important role our school plays in providing comprehensive sexual health education programs and ensuring students engage in safe sex practices. This policy should be read with the following Castlemaine Secondary College's policies:

- Mandatory Reporting
- Child Safe Standards
- Duty of Care

PROCEDURES FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER SCHOOL STAFF



Castlemaine Secondary College understands that teachers and other school staff must direct students requesting access to condoms to the nominated staff of the Wellbeing Team (which includes the School Nurse). In instances where access to a nominated staff member of the Wellbeing Team is unavailable, staff must direct students to the most appropriate resource for information and condoms. In Castlemaine this service is called Dhelkaya Health (formerly CHIRP).

Dhelkaya Health (formerly CHIRP):

Spencely House,
Castlemaine Health,
142 Cornish Street,
Castlemaine VIC 3450
5479 1000

PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATED WELLBEING STAFF

If a student requests access to condoms, the student will be required to meet with a nurse who has been trained in sexual health education, either at Castlemaine Secondary College or in the community.

The student must then participate in an education session with the nurse. This education session would establish whether the student is a mature minor and then discuss the following topics:

- Consent and healthy relationships.
- STI identification and prevention, including where and how to access support.
- Safe sex including a demonstration on safe condom usage, disposal and what to do if they encounter problems.

At the end of the session, the student would be provided with their first C-Pack (containing condoms, lubricant, info etc) and a C-Card. Students can access subsequent packs from a number of service providers within the community including Mount Alexander Shire Youth Services, Dhelkaya Health, School Nurse and CSC Wellbeing Team.

For students below the age of 16 years

Each time they access a C-Pack, a hole is punched in their C-Card by the service provider, to indicate the number of times the student has accessed a C-Pack. After 5 C-Packs have been provided to the student, they will need to meet again with a C-Card provider (i.e. School Nurse or Sexual Health Nurse in the Community) and participate in a review session.

C-Card Review Session

The C-Card Review Session allows for follow up conversations with sexual health practitioners to check in with the young persons sexual health and wellbeing and link them in



with supports where needed. At this stage the student can be given another C-Pack and a new C-card.

For young people aged 16 years and over:

They can continue to access free condoms without the need for a follow up session with a sexual health practitioner.

IMPORTANT GUIDANCE FOR NOMINATED WELLBEING STAFF PROVIDING CONDOMS

If a student approaches a nominated officer for a condom, the nominated Wellbeing Team staff member must adhere to the following procedures:

- Always inform the student that their request for a condom is kept confidential (unless a report is being made to relevant authorities due to concern of harm or exploitation).
- Where appropriate, encourage the student to talk to their parents about their relationship and sexual activity.
- Ensure the student has knowledge of the responsibilities and risks associated with sexual behaviour e.g. unwanted pregnancy, STIs.
- Provide only a single C-Pack to the student.
- For students under 16 years of age, always ensure a hole is punched in the C-Card to indicate receipt of a C-Pack.
- If a student is under the age of 16 and the student discloses, or it is found that the sexual partner is greater than two years older than the student, a mandatory report must be made, regardless of whether or not the sexual activity is consensual.
- At all times, follow the 'Reporting Child Sexual Harm flowchart (Mandatory Reporting Flowchart) and if appropriate, make a mandatory report.

C-PACK CONTENTS:

- an instruction leaflet and list of resources / service providers where they can obtain free condoms and sexual health checks
- 10 Condoms and/or dental dams as required
- Water based lubricant

COST OF PROGRAM

The Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH) provides free condoms, lubricant and other resources as required, at no cost to the school.

Further Information and Resources

School Policy and Advisory Guide:

Review Cycle

This policy was last updated 17 August 2022 and is scheduled for review in February 2023.