



Definition

A head injury is any trauma to the scalp, skull or brain resulting from direct or indirect force to the head, face or neck or from anywhere else in the body where force is transmitted through the head.

Management of a head injury depends on its severity. The history of how the injury was sustained is an important factor to consider when assessing and managing a head injury. It is particularly important to ascertain if there has been a loss of consciousness.

Staff responsibility

On campus

- Send the student immediately to the Health Centre accompanied by a student and/or staff member or call Health Centre staff for assistance on **9442 1700** or **0412 744 192**

Off campus (e.g. during an excursion, off-campus sport training, Friday afternoon or Saturday sport, or any other school sporting fixture)

The team coach/manager, excursion organiser/staff member must:

- immediately refer the injured student to the nearest first aid post or medical facility for assessment
- report directly (in person or by phone) to the most appropriate person responsible for the care of the student i.e. the parent/s of the student, the Health Centre staff or in the case of a boarding student the Residential Year Group Co-ordinator or the Director of Residential Community
- hand over must be to another adult who has a duty of care for the student e.g. the parent/s of the student, the Health Centre staff, or in the case of a boarding student to the Year Group Co-ordinator or the Director of Residential Community. A verbal explanation of the circumstances of the injury accompanied by any written documentation and an understanding that the student will be monitored for any changes to his condition are essential.

If in doubt, call an ambulance 000