Call for Papers

School-Based Models of Primary Health Care

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The Australian Journal of Primary Health invites papers on school-based models of primary healthcare to improve health and education outcomes for children and young people. Papers may be forum articles addressing policy, research and service delivery issues, research papers, literature reviews and papers on practice and innovation.

Overview: Childhood health and development are strong predictors of future health, educational, financial and social outcomes. There are now more students with complex health and developmental needs entering mainstream schools because education systems have moved toward more inclusive models of education in recent decades. Many of these families require additional support from both education and health sectors. School-based primary healthcare is a potential solution to provide timely access to services and improve health and academic outcomes, particularly for disadvantaged populations and those with complex health problems.

Key questions: Papers may address the following topics (or other relevant questions):

- What models of school based primary healthcare are being developed and tested – Australia and Internationally?
- How can primary healthcare be integrated with education?
- How are models of primary healthcare integrated with education and what are some of the challenges of integrating healthcare and education?
- How should primary healthcare services for vulnerable children and families be provided?
- What are the health issues affecting school-age children and young people and how should they be addressed?
- What is the role of general practice in schools?
- How should we train an interdisciplinary work force to meet the needs of school age children and young people and their families?

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