

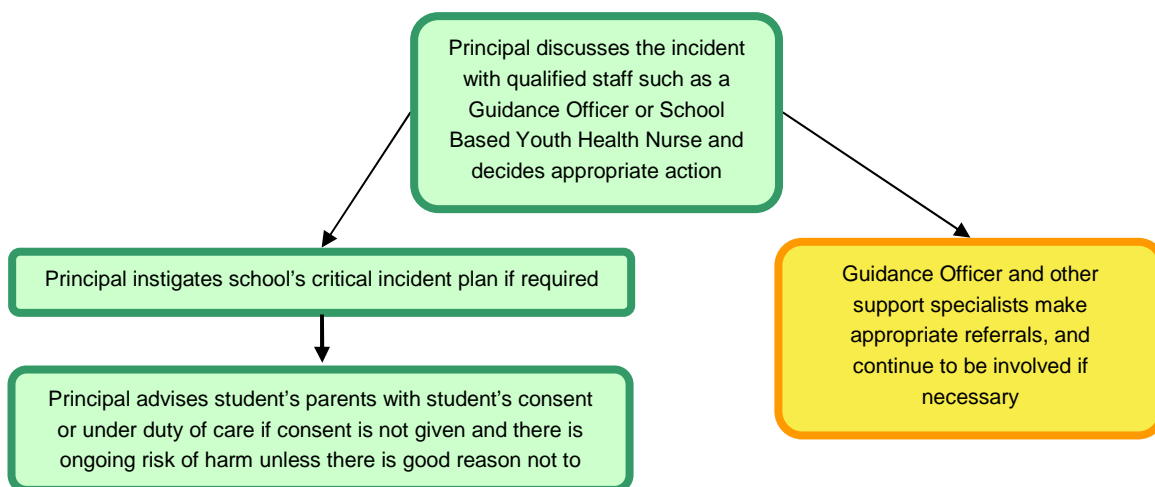
# What happens when... a student self-harms?

Education Queensland is committed to providing safe, supportive and disciplined learning environments for all students. All staff complete student protection training and are required to report suspicions of harm or risk of harm to the principal.

Staff members who suspect or discover that a student has self-harmed or is at risk of self-harming must first ensure the student's immediate safety and arrange first aid if required. They must then report the self-harm or risk of self-harm to the principal.

A parent or community member who suspects that a student may have self-harmed can discuss their concerns with the principal.

When a principal becomes aware that a student has self-harmed the principal takes the following actions:



The principal must also decide if the student's parents are acting protectively. Where the students' parents are not acting protectively, a report is made to the Department of Communities (Child Safety Services).

Education Queensland's Student Protection procedure is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/students/smspr012/procedure.html>

There are processes and support structures in place to enable students and parents/carers to work through any issues they may have with the implementation of Education Queensland policies and procedures in schools.

A *Making a complaint* fact sheet is available on the department's website at [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/about/pdfs/making\\_a\\_complaint.pdf](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/about/pdfs/making_a_complaint.pdf)