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**TO: PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS, PRINCIPALS,
AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

RE: DECS BASIC EMERGENCY LIFE SUPPORT FUNDING

The funding for the Department of Education and Children's Services Basic Emergency Life Support first aid training (DECS BELS) has been reviewed. DECS is pleased to announce that any permanently employed School Services Officer, Aboriginal Education Worker or Early Childhood Worker together with any permanent teacher based at a preschool or school will now be centrally funded for the DECS Basic Emergency Life Support (DECS BELS) first aid course. These changes will apply from July 1st 2009.

DECS will also provide DECS BELS first aid courses during school holidays specifically for employable teachers at a cost of \$52.00 per person. Dates and times of these courses will be published on the website:

http://www.chess.sa.edu.au/Training/Trai_Home.htm

Red Cross is the contracted provider for all DECS centrally funded training. This includes:

- DECS Basic Emergency Life Support (DECS BELS) First Aid Courses
- Supplementary First Aid Modules e.g. Anaphylaxis and the administration of Adrenaline via an EpiPen and Seizure Management including administration of Intranasal Midazolam.

Sites can book DECS BELS and Supplementary First Aid Modules directly with Red Cross Training by phoning 8293 9200.

The current policy position that first aid training is not compulsory has not changed. I encourage directors and principals to use their PAC or OHSW committee when conducting risk assessments to determine how many staff on site need to be trained.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy Day'.

Judy Day
**DIRECTOR
SCHOOL AND REGIONAL OPERATIONS**

Date: 9/6/09