



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES POLICY

No 508

Rationale

It is the responsibility of the Board to provide a healthy and safe working and learning environment, this includes protection from those carrying communicable diseases. The Education and Training Amendment Act 2022 gives the principal the authority to remove from school any student who may carry a communicable disease.

Policy Statement

The school will:

1. provide appropriate information to parents, staff, and students regarding dealing with communicable diseases and the school's approach.
2. ensure that all members of the school community are protected as far as possible from infection.
3. safeguard the privacy of all members of the school community in regard to their health status.

Policy Guidelines

1. 'Information for Parents' are available through the school office and are provided to parents on enrolment.
2. The school will take opportunities to keep itself informed about communicable diseases.
3. All staff will be made familiar with the procedures on handling infectious diseases.
4. If a child's health is causing concern staff will notify the principal and where a communicable disease is suspected the Health Nurse will be notified.
5. Staff must not approach, directly, a doctor.
6. Known health information relating to individual students is documented and is subject to Privacy Act requirements.
7. Protective clothing, including disposable gloves is made available to staff when handling any accident.
8. The school reserves the right to exclude students who are known to be carrying a communicable disease.
9. The Board will be notified of any such exclusion and the relevant grounds.
10. In the event of exclusion, the school will remain in contact with the student's home and will endeavour to provide for ongoing education.

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