

IMMUNISATION POLICY



Purpose:

All families enrolling students into the school must present proof that their child has been immunised and this policy will communicate to families of students who are not immunised of their exclusion from school in case of an infectious diseases outbreak.

Aim:

To inform parents and carers and staff about their student immunisation responsibilities and exclusion processes during an infectious disease outbreak.

Guidelines:

- Student immunisation status must be recorded on CASES21.
- Where student immunisation status is not recorded the school Principal and administration will communicate with families to clarify their immunisation status.

Implementation:

- Prior to commencing primary school, children should have received their childhood vaccinations as per the National Immunisation Program Schedule, see:
National Immunisation Program
Schedule(<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/schedule-victoria.htm>)
- Schools are required to request from the legal guardian a record of the immunisation status of each child enrolled at the school prior to the child commencing.
- It is the school's responsibility to exclude unvaccinated students according to The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 which require that children with infectious diseases, and children who have been in contact with certain infectious diseases, are to be excluded from school for a specified period.
- During the outbreak of an infectious disease the principal must:
 - Be aware of and abide by exclusion requirements
 - Not allow a child to attend school if they have been informed that the child is infected with an infectious disease that requires exclusion
 - They have been informed that a child is in contact with a person who is infected with an infectious disease
 - They are aware that the child has not been immunised against a vaccine preventable disease.

- The Principal must write to families informing them of the outbreak of an infectious disease when a report is received at the school.
- The office administration will check all enrolment records to ascertain which families have not presented an immunisation certificate for their child.
- The Principal will write to families who have not presented the school with an immunisation certificate on enrolment, requesting that one be provided as soon as possible.
- Families will be made aware of the importance of vaccinating their children through the newsletter, Prep Information night and at other parent forums.

Evaluation:

This policy is required to be reviewed by school council every 3 years or in light of any DET guideline changes.

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