

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

POLICY

Rationale:

Schools are expected to be safe and healthy places for staff and students to enjoy. Students with infectious diseases need to be managed in a manner that protects their privacy, maintains their health and dignity, and ensures the health and safety of all others.

Aim:

To provide a safe and healthy teaching and learning place for all.

Implementation:

- Whilst it is not uncommon for children to attend school with minor ailments or injuries, there are a number of identified infectious diseases that require specific considerations including the exclusion of students from school.
- A copy of the current School [Exclusion Table](#) is available online at www.health.vic.gov.au.
- The regulations require the parent/guardian to inform the principal as soon as practicable if the child is infected with any of the diseases listed in the table, or has been in contact with an infected person. It should be noted that in cases of diphtheria, typhoid and paratyphoid fever, exclusion and determination of recovery will be matters for the municipal medical officer of health.
- Patients or contacts shall be prevented from attending school unless they comply with the conditions prescribed in the table.
- It should be noted that during outbreaks of diseases prescribed in the table principals are to direct parents/guardians of students who are not immunised to keep their children at home for the recommended period.
- The school encourages good hygiene practices such as;
 - Washing hands with soap and water, especially after coughing and sneezing
 - Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
 - Keeping your hands to yourself to minimise the spread of infection.

Resources and Links:

DET Advisory links:

- [Infectious Diseases](#)
- [First Aid and Infection Control](#)

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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