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IMMUNISATION POLICY (*Interim*)

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RATIONALE

To help prevent and control the transmission of infectious diseases within the College, and to comply with legislative requirements.

GUIDELINES

While responsibility for the prevention and control of infection diseases is primarily with the individuals, families and public health authorities, the College also has an important role to play.

Under the *Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)*, the *Public Health Regulation 2012 (NSW)*, the *Public Health & Wellbeing Act 2008 (VIC)* and the *Public Health & Wellbeing Regulations 2009 (VIC)*, the College must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The College must request and record the immunisation status of each child prior to their enrolment in the Junior School. The Immunisation History Statement, issued by the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) is the only form of acceptable evidence as proof of immunisation status.

The AIR send the Immunisation History Statement to the parent/guardian automatically after a child has received their 4-year-old immunisations, and after the service provider has sent the information to the AIR, or when the child turns 5 years of age (whichever occurs first).

Parents who do not receive a History Statement after these events should contact AIR on 1800 653 809 or air@humanservices.gov.au, or visit their local Medicare office.

If a child has received all the vaccines required by 5 years of age, the History Statement will display the following wording – *“This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age.”*

2. If a parent refuses to provide a History Statement, the College is required to classify the student as not immunised and comply with state legislative requirements. This may involve the student being excluded from the College for a set time in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.
3. If a child has not been fully immunised, the College is required to comply with state legislative requirements. This may involve the student being excluded from the College for a set time in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, that the student has not been immunised against.

4. If a child has been vaccinated overseas, the parent(s)/guardian(s) should be advised to consult a local doctor, who can assess whether the child needs any additional vaccines. The doctor will transfer the information to the AIR and a History Statement can then be requested by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

5. **EXCLUSION/NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The College must follow the below exclusion/notification requirements, in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.

VIC

The below table details the exclusion processes for Junior and Senior school students.

Student	Exclusion Process
Primary Students	<p>The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 require children with certain infectious diseases, and children who have been in contact with certain infectious diseases, to be excluded from school for a specified period.</p> <p>During an outbreak of an infectious disease, the Principal of Junior School students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be aware of and abide by exclusion requirements • not allow a child to attend school if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ they have been informed that the child is infected with an infectious disease, that requires exclusion, as described in Column 2 of Schedule 7 (the school exclusion table). Refer to Appendix 1. ○ they have been informed that a child is a contact of a person who is infected with an infectious disease as described in Column 3 of Schedule 7 (the school exclusion table). Refer to Appendix 1. ○ they have not been immunised against a vaccine preventable disease and are directed to do so by the Secretary and until the Secretary directs that such attendance can be resumed.
Secondary Students	<p>Schools are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legislatively bound by the <i>Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008</i> which require them to comply with the directions of the Chief Health Officer or Authorised Officer in the event of a public health risk such as an infectious disease outbreak. • not legislatively bound by the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 exclusion requirements, which apply to primary schools and children's services.

NSW

Principals must contact the Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055, or their local health unit directly (<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/pages/phus.aspx>) to notify of any of the following vaccine preventable diseases:

- Diphtheria
- Haemophilus influenza Type b (Hib)
- Measles
- Meningococcal disease
- Mumps
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Polio
- Rubella (German measles)
- Tetanus

Notifying cases of these vaccine preventable diseases to the Public Health Unit, by the College Principal, is a requirement of the NSW Public Health Act 2010.

APPENDIX 1 – Exclusion Requirements (VIC)

Condition	Exclusion of cases	Exclusion of contacts
Amoebiasis (<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>)	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours	Not excluded
Campylobacter	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours	Not excluded
Chickenpox	Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children	Any child with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased	Not excluded
Diarrhoea	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours	Not excluded
Diphtheria	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received following at least two negative throat swabs, the first not less than 24 hours after finishing a course of antibiotics and the other 48 hours later	Exclude family/household contacts until cleared to return by the Secretary
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Exclude until all blisters have dried	Not excluded
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Exclude until at least 4 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment has been completed	Not excluded
Hepatitis A	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, but not before 7 days after the onset of jaundice or illness	Not excluded
Hepatitis B	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
Hepatitis C	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
Herpes (cold sores)	Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while the lesion is weeping. Lesions to be covered by a dressing, where possible	Not excluded
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
Impetigo	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing	Not excluded
Influenza and influenza-like illnesses	Exclude until well	Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Secretary
Leprosy	Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Secretary	Not excluded
Measles*	Exclude for at least 4 days after onset of rash	Immunised contacts not excluded. Unimmunised contacts should be excluded until 14 days after the first day of appearance of rash in the last case. If unimmunised contacts are vaccinated within 72 hours of their first contact with the first case, or received normal human immunoglobulin within 6 days of exposure, they may return to the facility

Meningitis (bacteria, other than meningococcal meningitis)	Exclude until well	Not excluded
Meningococcal infection*	Exclude until adequate carrier eradication therapy has been completed	Not excluded if receiving carrier eradication therapy
Mumps*	Exclude for 9 days or until swelling goes down (whichever is sooner)	Not excluded
Pertussis (whooping cough)*	Exclude for 21 days after the onset of cough or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment	Contacts aged less than 7 years in the same room as the case who have not received three effective doses of pertussis vaccine should be excluded for 14 days after the last exposure to the infectious case, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of effective antibiotic treatment
Poliomyelitis*	Exclude for at least 14 days from onset. Re-admit after receiving medical certificate of recovery	Not excluded
Ringworm, scabies, pediculosis (head lice)	Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Rubella* (German measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days after the onset of rash	Not excluded
<i>Salmonella</i> or <i>Shigella</i> infection	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours	Not excluded
Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is produced	Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Secretary
Streptococcal infection (including scarlet fever)	Exclude until the child has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours and feels well	Not excluded
Tuberculosis	Exclude until a medical certificate is received from the treating physician stating that the child is not considered to be infectious	Not excluded
Typhoid fever (including paratyphoid fever)	Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Secretary	Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Secretary
Verotoxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> (VTEC)	Exclude if required by the Secretary and only for the period specified by the Secretary	Not excluded
Worms (intestinal)	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours	Not excluded

REFERENCES

1. NSW Department of Education – Wellbeing and Learning
www.education.nsw.gov.au
2. VIC Department of Education - Immunisation
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