



Communicable and Infectious Disease Management Procedures

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Mel Maria Catholic Primary School prioritises the safety and wellbeing of all students and is committed to promoting and supporting safe and inclusive learning environments. Catholic schools ensure the appropriate and responsible use of medicinal drugs and prohibits the possession, used, and/or distribution of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or drug/smoking-related equipment. When students require individual support or intervention due to risk, safety or health, Catholic schools ensure students have individual management plans, co-designed with relevant health professionals. CEWA employees are appropriately trained and competent in matters relating to student safety and health.

Scope

- This procedure applies to all students in Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6.

Principles

1. The immunisation status of each child will be checked upon entry into Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Primary School.
2. The parent of any child with a serious medical condition requiring urgent medical attention needs to contact the school administration and fill out the necessary documentation. The Leadership Team and class teacher needs to also be notified.

Procedures

1. Parents are requested to inform the school if a child has had a communicable/infectious disease and is required to observe the exclusion from school period. Public Health Department recommendations for most common infectious diseases are listed below:

Communicable and Infectious Diseases

Disease	Period of Exclusion
Chicken Pox	Until scabs are healed
Conjunctivitis	Until discharge from eyes has ceased
Diphtheria	Until medical certificate of recovery
German Measles	Until at least 4 days after onset of rash
Glandular Fever	Until child is well
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease	Until all blisters have crusted
Head Lice	Until treatment has commenced
Hepatitis A	Until medical certificate of recovery is received
Hepatitis B & C	Not necessary
Measles	At least 4 days after the onset of the rash
Ring Worms	Until the day after treatment has commenced
Scabies	Until mites and eggs are destroyed
Whooping Cough	For 2 weeks from onset of illness or for 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment

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