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STUDENT ILLNESS POLICY

STATEMENT:

Schools are expected to be safe and healthy places for staff and students to enjoy. Students with illnesses 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. It must also be recognised that infection spreads quickly within a school environment, and many of our students are particularly vulnerable to infection. The school is unable to provide a respite service to sick students.

RATIONALE:

To provide a safe and healthy workplace for all.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Parents are advised to keep their child at home if any of the following conditions apply:

- The student has any infectious disease listed in the Department of Health's school exclusion schedule prescribed by Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019 – (Regulation 111).
- The student has experienced vomiting, diarrhoea or a fever above 38 degrees Celsius the previous night.
- The student has unusual skin rashes.
- The student has an infectious respiratory condition, e.g. colds, flu, covid 19.

If a child becomes unwell during the day, the classroom teacher, in consultation with the Assistant Principal, Campus Principal or Sub-school Leader, will organise to contact parents/carers to organise collection of the child.

If parents are unable to be contacted, the emergency contacts will be notified and shall collect the child as soon as possible.

Where parents and emergency contacts are unable to be notified, staff will take all non-pharmaceutical measures to care for the child.

Should the child's condition deteriorate and parents/emergency contacts cannot be notified an ambulance will be called.

Students needing medication or specialised medical care following an illness or medical intervention will require a 'Medical Management Plan' on return to school.

In the event of a student being ill after boarding the school bus and the driver believing the illness may compromise his/her ability to transport the other students, s/he shall contact

the Principal as soon as practical. The Principal, after appropriate consultation with the driver, will make a decision based on the interest and welfare of all students.

Swimming

The teacher in charge, in consultation with the Campus Principal, Assistant Principal or Sub School Leader, may exclude a student from a swimming session where they believe the student's health would be at risk or there is a likelihood of infection being spread to others. Students, who for medical reason are unable to swim, must provide the classroom teacher with a note (via the communication book). Swimming is a highly-valued program within the school curriculum.

REFERENCES:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/school-exclusion/school-exclusion-table>

DOE Infectious Diseases Policy.

EVALUATION:

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