

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (STUDENT) POLICY

*Engaged in schools or other forms of education, we put our heart and soul into serving the human person
for the same of the Kingdom.*

(In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat Page 9)

Rationale

There are many communicable diseases that can affect children and young people, some common and others rare, including:

- Chicken pox and shingles
- Gastroenteritis
- Mumps
- Influenza
- Measles
- Rubella (German measles)
- Whooping cough (Pertussis)

Context

Newman College is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all of our students. It is our policy that:

- We implement clear guidelines for the management of communicable diseases;
- We provide education, support and resources for workers, parents/carers, students and the wider College community on dealing with communicable diseases; and
- We inform the relevant public health unit of the occurrence of any notifiable diseases.

Parent/Carers Responsibility

Parents/carers are required to inform the College of any communicable illness or disease their child is diagnosed with and not allow them to attend school while infectious

Immunisation Policy

Newman College encourages all workers and students to be vaccinated to protect them against the outbreak of vaccine preventable communicable diseases.

Immunisation records are requested upon enrolment and stored in student medical records which are maintained in accordance with our Medical Records (Student) Policy. Prospective students will not be excluded from attending the College if they have not been immunised.

Infection Control Policy

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease, it may be necessary to restrict attendance of non-immune students, or implement restrictions to protect these students and prevent further spread of disease.

Incident Procedures

In the event a student becomes unwell at the College with an infectious disease, immediate medical treatment should be provided following the procedures outlined in our First Aid Policy. Students should then be transferred to the care of a parent/carer.

Notification of Communicable Diseases

It is a legal requirement that we provide the Western Australian Department of Health with notification of certain communicable diseases including:

- Diphtheria
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella (German measles)
- Tetanus

A full list of notifiable communicable diseases, together with the notification procedures can be found on the Department of Health (WA) website - http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/N_R/Notification-of-infectious-diseases-and-related-conditions