



STUDENT IMMUNISATION POLICY

Preamble

- The Public Health (Amendment) Act 1992 required parents to provide documented evidence of the immunization status of each child on enrolment to school.
- Parents of children starting in the kindergarten class of all primary schools from 1994 will be required to provide the school with an Immunization Certificate.

Objectives

- Outline the minimum standard of immunization record keeping.
- Better manage outbreaks of infectious diseases.
- Focus parental attention on the immunization status of their children.

Policy Statement

- All students are encouraged to be immunized.
- Prospective students will not be excluded from attending school if they have not been immunized.
- St. Patrick's school is required to collect and maintain immunization records on all newly enrolled children.

Application

- The school policy on Infectious Diseases sets out the procedures to be followed in the event of an outbreak of an infectious disease.
- The approval NSW Dept. of health and Community Care Immunisation Record Form consists of a History Statement.
- Photocopies of student's immunization forms are retained by the school and kept with their records.
- Originals are returned to parents.

Mandatory

On the enrolment of a student for the first time

- Parents/carers of students should produce a NSW Health and Community Care Immunisation history Statement if possible.
- The Principal or person enrolling student must return the original form to parents/carers.
- The Principal or person enrolling student must keep a photocopy of immunization details with the student's records.

Outbreaks of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, the Principal must:

- Exclude unimmunised child.
- Send home with the unimmunised student a letter explaining the exclusion details.
- Ensure that the unimmunised student is excluded for the specified period.

This policy was last ratified by St. Patrick's School Board in...	
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