COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

VALUES: Justice, Care, Concern, Thoughtfulness, Discretion.

PREAMBLE: Catholic Education Cairns (CES) has a general obligation under the Workforce Health and Safety Act 1995 to prevent injury and illness in the workplace. This obligation requires the implementation of infectious control practices at schools and other workplaces that provide for the health and safety of staff, students and others such as visitors and volunteers.

POLICY: Saint Clare’s is committed to preventing the spread of infectious and/or communicable diseases and to taking all reasonable steps to ensure the health and safety of the school community. All procedures will be implemented in an equitable and non-discriminatory fashion.

GUIDELINES: If a suspected outbreak of a contagious condition, prescribed under the Public Health Regulation 2005 takes place within a school, it is vital that steps are taken to protect the health of the school community in a timely manner.

All parents at St Clare’s School are required to notify the school immediately they become aware of the contraction of a communicable/infectious disease.

Students and staff may be excluded from school or related activities if they are suspected of or diagnosed as having a communicable disease that poses a significant health risk to others or that renders them unable to adequately perform their duties or pursue their studies.

Exclusion will be reviewed upon the presentation of a doctor’s certificate.

St. Clare’s will adopt the guidelines in relation to minimum exclusion periods for infectious diseases for schools as set down by Qld. Health. (See Timeout Poster from Qld Health)

Confidentiality will be respected and maintained at all times.

CONSEQUENCES: Parents will be notified of the detection of communicable diseases amongst children in the school and advised of the exclusion recommendations by Qld. Health.

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