

# **Sawyers Bay School Board of Trustees**

## **Communicable Diseases, Procedures**



### 1 Rationale

Effective and positive cooperation between the school and its community and specific procedures for minimising risk assist in ensuring the wellbeing of staff and students and the maintenance of a safe and healthy learning environment.

For the purposes of this procedural summary, 'communicable disease' covers infectious and notifiable diseases as identified in Health regulations, including HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne illnesses.

### 2 Purposes

- To raise awareness of communicable disease issues.
- To reduce the spread of infection within the school.
- Safeguard the confidentiality of students' health information.

### 3 Guidelines

- 3.1 Advice on communicable disease issues will be sought from local Public Health Services, and school health education programmes will aim to develop the appropriate knowledge, understandings, skills and attitudes in our students.
- 3.2 In accordance with the Health (Immunisation) Regulations 1996, an immunisation register has been maintained from the beginning of the 2000 school year, showing the immunisation status of all children born from 1 January 1995.
- 3.3 Procedures to be followed when administering first aid will be made available to all staff and prominently displayed. Staff with specific health and safety responsibilities will be fully knowledgeable of risks and safe practices with regard to blood-borne illnesses.
- 3.4 Correct procedures shall be established for the disposal of contaminated wastes, and must be adhered to at all times.
- 3.5 Parents and caregivers shall be assured of the confidentiality of health information and encouraged to disclose relevant medical details to the Principal in order that the best possible support can be provided.
- 3.6 Children affected by HIV/AIDS or other blood-borne illnesses shall be able to participate in all school activities to the extent that their health permits.
- 3.7 In addressing a child's infection status, the Principal shall ensure that parents are aware of who needs to be informed within the school and what they need to know on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.8 Health records will be kept in the Principal's confidential file and no information released beyond the limits specified under paragraph 3.7 above without prior approval from parents or guardians.