



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES POLICY

Rationale: The spread of communicable diseases can have harmful effects on the health of staff and pupils at Spotswood College. The school community needs to be educated on the hazards and on the need to contain communicable diseases.

Policy Statement: Staff and students will be able to take appropriate actions to manage communicable diseases to enable Spotswood College to be a healthy learning environment.

Guidelines:

- To provide a supportive environment for and discourage unfair treatment of persons affected by a communicable disease as outlined in the Human Rights Act 1993.
- To ensure adequate measures are taken to reduce the chance of disease transmission in the school community.
- To set out a commitment to communicable disease prevention through appropriate health education in the school.
- To recognise that some communicable diseases require time away from school.
- The school will co-operate with Public Health Authorities in outbreak control.
- Standard safety and hygiene procedures are in place for infection control to prevent communicable disease transmission in the school setting.
- Education, including discussion and answering questions will be covered in an appropriate manner within the Health Programme.
- Students may be sent home to prevent the spread of disease.

Approval:

When the Board approved this Policy it agreed that no variations of this Policy or amendments to it could be made, except with the majority approval of the Board.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 November, 2013.

Signed on behalf of, and with the authority of the Board

_____ on _____ (Date)
Board Chairperson

Due for Review: _____ (Date)

Reviewed Date: _____ Signed for B.O.T. _____