Diocese of Toowoomba
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Chinchilla Board Policy

Infection Control Policy

Rationale
Dignity, safety and well being of people are central to the Church’s teaching. St Joseph’s Primary School acknowledges this and recognizes that it is obligated under the Queensland Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995 to ensure the health and safety of all students, staff and volunteers. Additionally, it is obligated to ensure other persons are not exposed to risks to their health and safety arising out of the conduct of School business.

The purpose of this policy is to assist in developing, promoting and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment that prevents or minimises the spread of infection, illness or disease. Through such properly established and implemented systems, students, staff, contractors and other persons with a legal right to be on St Joseph’s premises, will comply with the requirements of the Queensland Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995.

St Joseph’s Primary School recognises the importance of preventing the transmission of infectious diseases through the adoption of standard precautions which is the assumption that all blood and body fluids are potentially infectious and could transmit disease.

Values
Care and concern for the health, safety and welfare of people using School facilities.

Policy Statement
St Joseph’s Primary School will:
1. ensure the health, safety and welfare of all employees, students and other persons who are legally present on school premises, and
2. develop, promote, and maintain a safe and healthy working environment in which the risk of infection or illness for persons coming on to the premises is prevented or minimised.

To achieve these aims and demonstrate a commitment to both improving the safety culture and continuous improvement of health and safety programs, St Joseph’s School will:
- develop and implement local infection control practices
- promote infection control practices within the school community
- endeavour to adequately resource the implementation of Infection Control practices through a budget allocation integrated with other management functions.
Consequences

- Compliance with all workplace health and safety statutory requirements, Queensland Codes of Practice, Advisory Standards, and relevant Australian Standards as a minimum.
- Quality OHSMS implementation
- Improved OHS outcomes including a safer and healthier environment, and an improved safety culture
- Health and safety performance data collection and analysis
- Health and Safety Policy being available as required to regulatory authorities, suppliers, contractors, customers and those visiting St Joseph’s Primary School
- Various moral, ethical and legal obligations met.

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