

POLICY 15.1 MANAGING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SAFETY

The daily life of the college will be permeated with the values of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Special links will be maintained with the Sisters of our Lady of the Missions as the College Founders and their special charism reinforced in the College.

This policy should be read in conjunction with Policy 15 Health and Safety and Policy 16 International Students.

1.0 Purpose and Scope

This policy ensures that international students are housed in safe accommodation, by requiring that all residential caregivers and their household members 18 years of age and over are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. This policy also makes clear, factors that will be considered to ensure that information about the vaccination status of residential caregivers and their family members may be collected in a manner that complies with the Privacy Act 2020.

2.0 Guidelines

The recent vaccination mandate from the Government in relation to education workers extends to residential caregivers, and schools should have a policy in place to ensure that:

- As far as practicable, international students live in a safe environment. (Outcome 6)
- Schools provide clear and sufficient information to enable students to make an informed decision. In the current environment, this will include information relating to caregivers and vaccinations. (Outcome 1)

2.1 Vaccination

- The school's policy is that all residential caregivers (as defined in the Code) and their household members 18 years of age and over, who are eligible for a vaccination against Covid-19, will be fully vaccinated.
- To avoid doubt, the school will only place students with, or approve, a residential caregiver once the school has confirmed that the residential caregiver, and their household members 18 years of age and over, who are eligible for vaccination against Covid-19, have been fully vaccinated.
- The school will request current and prospective residential caregivers to disclose their Covid-19 vaccination status, and the status of all people 18 years of age and over living in the home. The school will require appropriate evidence of such vaccinations.
- Where a residential caregiver, or member of their household 18 years of age and over, who is eligible to be vaccinated, is not willing to disclose their vaccination status, the school will treat that household as unvaccinated.

- The school will inform current and prospective students of the policy and measures in place to ensure that those in the home who must be vaccinated, are fully vaccinated.

2.2 Access to information

- Only authorised staff will have access to vaccination information.
- The school will use appropriate safeguards to protect vaccination information from loss, unauthorised access, use, or disclosure.
- Information on the vaccination status of individuals will only be provided to students, their families, or agents if it is necessary, and only with the consent of the individual in question.
- The school will not share personal information unless required or authorised to do so by law. In the situation of an outbreak, the school may share personal information with a Public Health Authority for the purposes of planning and implementing appropriate public health responses. Where possible, the school will only disclose aggregate level information.
- The school may disclose aggregate level information to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to assist those agencies monitor and plan Covid-19 responses. Individuals will not be identified in any disclosure of information to these agencies.
- The school will not keep vaccination information for longer than is required for the purposes stated above.
- Under the Privacy Act 2020, individuals have the right to request a copy of, and correction to, any personal information held by the school.

2.3 Reporting

The staff member in charge of the international student programme will report directly to the principal on the operation of the Vaccination-of-Caregivers Policy.

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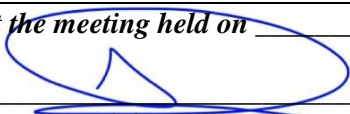
This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Review schedule: March Annually

Review due next: March 2023

REFERENCES:

- Health and Safety Act 1992
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Sacred Heart Girl's College Strategic Plan

<p><i>Approved by the Board at the meeting held on</i> _____ <i>28/02/2022</i></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>_____</p> <p>Presiding Member</p> </div>
