

	<h1>Oakleigh Grammar</h1>	
<b>Policy Document Name</b>	<b>Criteria for Sending Home Ill Students</b>	
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## 1. Purpose

To provide a clear set of guidelines to respond when students may need to be sent home due to illness.

## 2. Guidelines

If a student becomes unwell at School, the School Nurse, First Aid officer or First Aid trained staff member will assess the student, taking into consideration the clinical assessment findings, how the student is reporting they feel and the student's ability to participate in the normal School program. Action will be taken based on assessment findings.

An elevated temperature on its own does not immediately require medical or ambulance attention. If there is any doubt about the student's condition, or a sense that the student's condition is deteriorating, the School Nurse, First Aid officer or First Aid trained staff member will seek immediate emergency assistance.

A student can be sent home if the School Nurse, First Aid officer or First Aid trained staff member confirms that the student has any one of the below:

- A fever at or above 38.0 degrees Celsius;
- Diarrhoea;
- Vomiting;
- Rash, bump or other out-of-the-ordinary skin conditions;
- Flushed face, "watery" or "glassy" eyes;
- Excessive running nose
- Continuous sneezing;
- Unusual irritability, listlessness and fatigue
- Anytime a child is not 'herself' or 'himself' and is complaining about discomforts

In the absence of a School Nurse, First Aid officer or First Aid trained staff member, staff members may contact the NURSE-ON-CALL service on 1300 60 60 24.

## 3. Response to COVID-19

Where a student is suspected of having any symptoms of COVID-19, the student will be placed in isolation and sent home immediately.

#### **4. Excursion, Camps or Tours**

Prior to any camp, excursion or tour, the parent/guardian completes a medical consent form that outlines any existing medical needs, including medications required, and permission to seek medical treatment in the event of an accident or a student becoming ill.

Where the teacher in charge of the excursion or camp is unable to contact the parent or guardian, they are permitted to administer such first-aid as they may judge to be reasonably necessary. Consent is also given to their child receiving medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner. Such consent includes anaesthetics, blood transfusions and / or operations.

If a student becomes ill, the teacher-in-charge should seek to consult with the relevant Head of School and contact the parent to determine if and/or when the student should return home.

Where it is deemed by the school for a student to be sent back to Melbourne for either medical or disciplinary reasons, the extra cost will be incurred by the parent.

#### **Related Policies:**

- Illness or Injury at School
- Emergency Evacuation and Containment Procedure
- Camps, Off-site and Excursions
- COVID-19