



## Infection Control Policy

### Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to provide a process for the implementation and promotion of a local program to address infection control through both preventative and management strategies.

Dignity, safety and well-being of people are central to the Church's teaching. St Mary's College acknowledges this and recognizes that it has a duty under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* to prevent injury and illness of all students, staff and others, so far as is reasonably practicable.

St Mary's is committed to minimizing the risk of exposure of students, staff and others to infectious disease agents. This policy is implemented with reference to the 'Infection Control Guideline', Department of Education, Training and Employment (<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au>).

### Values and Principles

Care and concern for the health, safety and welfare of students, staff and others who use St Mary's College facilities.

### Policy Statement

St Mary's College will:

- develop, implement and promote a local infection control program that minimizes the risk of exposure of students, staff and others to infectious disease agents;
- provide adequate resourcing to implement appropriate infection control processes e.g. facilities, consumables, training and practices.

Implement an infection control program that includes:

- Risk management
- Standard precautions
- Provision of facilities, amenities and equipment
- Protocols for infection control
- Vaccination and immunization
- Education and training for staff, students and others
- Accurate records of training

Review infection control measures to ensure they are providing an adequate level of safety. Ensure all staff, students and others are aware of infectious disease related hazards in the St Mary's environment.

### Supporting documents

- Infection Control Guideline (<http://education.qld.gov.au/health/pdfs/infection-control-guideline.pdf>)
- Infection Control (<http://education.qld.gov.au/health/safety/hazards/infection.html>)