



Immunisation Enrolment and Attendance Policy

From the 1st of January 2016, a new Queensland law relation to immunisation came into effect. Under this new law, approved Early childhood education and care services can cancel, refuse or place a condition on enrolment or attendance of children whose immunisation's are not up-to-date.

We are committed to the health and wellbeing of children in our care, their families and our staff. That is why we will be supporting Queensland's new immunisation law. You may also be aware the Australian Governments "No Jab No Pay" law also came into effect from the 1st of January 2016. Under the new law if your child is not fully immunised, it will affect your family assistance payments. The Australian Government law is separate from the Queensland law. Under the Queensland law, approved early childhood education and care services can, at their discretion, allow children whose immunisation status is not up-to-date to attend. Whilst this is acceptable under the Queensland law, you should be aware that under the Australian Government law, family assistance payments will be affected. It is recommended parents seek further information on how the Australian Governments "No jab No Pay" law will affect your own circumstances at www.humanservices.gov.au (Search for Immunisation your children).

Peregian Beach College Early Learning Centre requires children to be up-to-date with their vaccination schedule on enrolment and through the duration of their enrolment at our centre. Children who have a

medical contraindication to some or all scheduled vaccines, and/or are on a recognised vaccination catch-up schedule are still classified as having an up-to-date immunisation status. Families are required to provide an immunisation statement history as proof that their child's immunisation status is up-to-date or to show medical exemption or evidence of being on a recognised catch-up schedule. The statement can be a letter from a recognised immunisation provider, such as a GP, or an official record issued by the Australia Immunisation Register (AIR) For information about how to obtain an immunisation history statement from the AIR visit:

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register/how-get-immunisation-history-statement

You will also be required to provide us with an updated immunisation history statement after each vaccination milestone as outlined in the national Immunisation Program Schedule Queensland. The schedule is available at

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/immunisation/schedule#qld>

If we do not receive an up-to-date immunisation history statement from you within 4 weeks, we may be required to;

- Cancel your child's enrolment
- Refuse attendance until proof of an update immunisation status is provided

Or ask you to:

- Provide a medical exemption through the Australian immunisation register, or evidence of being on the recognised catch-up schedule.

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