

# WORK EXPERIENCE/WORK PLACEMENT INSURANCE COVER FOR PARTICIPATING NSW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

This Statement provides a general overview of available insurance cover; it does not represent legal advice. For precise advice, please consult the relevant Ascot Group et al or Vero Insurance Policy Documents. This advice replaces all earlier advice.

## 1. POLICIES

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For NSW Catholic diocesan schools and most congregational schools<sup>1</sup>, two separate policies provide work experience/ placement cover for students and their host employers:

- CCI School Care Personal Accident and Disability or Students' Work Experience Personal Accident Policy with Catholic Church Insurances (CCI) (or equivalent)
- Work Experience/Work Placement Public Liability Policy with Ascot Group as Lead Insurer (effective 31 March 2023).

Under Commonwealth legislations, these policies cannot pay for any Medicare services including the Medicare gap. These services should be claimed through Medicare and or private health insurance where available. Work placement students are not eligible for coverage through Workers Compensation.

### 1.1. CCI School Care [Personal Accident and Disability] Policy or Student Work Experience Personal Accident Policy

Each school or Diocese purchases these policies or equivalent. School staff organising work placements need to confirm the nature of their particular policy with their broker, diocesan office or school bursar and provide advice to employers / brokers. These policies cover students for personal injury sustained whilst engaged in Work Experience/Placement activities. Students are covered whilst directly travelling to and from workplaces.

The Policies Cover:

- a. Death by accident;
- b. Permanent disablement compensation dependent on injury of up to maximum e.g. \$750,000 or \$275,000 depending on SchoolCare policy chosen (*please refer to your policy to confirm extent of your coverage*)
- c. Non Medicare expenses - e.g. dental, counselling, emergency transport, travel expenses or lump sum payments for certain injuries such as fractures, burns and dislocations (limits apply)
- d. Damage to student's clothing or artificial aids resulting from an injury (limits apply).

You should check your policy for full details.

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<sup>1</sup> RI/MPJP schools which do not take out employer liability cover through these policies make equivalent insurance arrangements and will provide relevant documents to host employers and brokers.

## 1.2. Ascot Group as lead insurer Insurance Work Experience/ Work Placement Public Liability Insurance Policy (Policy Number B0509BOWCI2350757)

Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) purchases this policy on behalf of participating Catholic Schools. For further details and documentation, including the Certificate of Currency and participants, please contact CSNSW as listed below or online at <https://www.csnsw.catholic.edu.au/vet/>

This policy provides indemnity for the student, the employer and participating schools involved in Work Experience/Placement activities.

### The Policy Covers:

- a. Indemnity for legal liability of students and employers for Personal Injury caused to a Third Party (limit \$20,000,000 any one occurrence);
- b. Indemnity for legal liability of employers for Personal Injury to students (limit \$20,000,000 any one occurrence);
- c. Indemnity for legal liability of Property Damage to an employer's property (limit \$20,000,000 for any one occurrence).

### Sub limits of Liability:

Care Custody or Control	\$500,000
Errors & Omissions:	\$1,000,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certificate II &amp; III in Sport Coaching</li><li>• Certificate II &amp; III in Sport and Recreation</li><li>• Certificate II Outdoor Recreation</li><li>• Certificate II Sport - Developing Athlete</li><li>• Certificate III in Sport - Athlete</li><li>• Certificate III in Fitness</li></ul>
Sexual Abuse /Molestation	\$5,000,000 any one claim and in the aggregate

For each claim the Ascot Group as Lead Insurer policy has set a deductible cost (i.e. excess) of \$50,000. The policy requires that CSNSW, acting for the Catholic sector of schools, will provide for the payment of any deductible cost. The CSNSW reserves the right to recover the cost of the excess from a Diocese or RI/PJP school.

## 2. CONDITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

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### 2.1. Some Key Exclusions

The school, the student and the employer will not be insured for the following activities:

- 2.1.1. Use of prescribed or dangerous machinery unless appropriate supervision and/or training is provided by the employer;
- 2.1.2. Travel on private and/or charter Aircraft other than those providing a regular Public Transport Services;
- 2.1.3. Travel by helicopter;

- 2.1.4. Ownership, maintenance, use or operation of watercraft exceeding 10 metres in length;
- 2.1.5. Travel outside twelve (12) nautical mile limit at sea;
- 2.1.6. Scuba and/or deep sea diving;
- 2.1.7. Attendance at abattoirs (killing areas)
- 2.1.8. Guns or firearms except as part of an approved and supervised Australian Defence Force activity;
- 2.1.9. Service of alcohol unless the student is aged over eighteen (18) and the activity is essential to the placement and the student has completed the Responsible Service of Alcohol Training Course;
- 2.1.10. Sporting activities and events, except as part of the Defence Work Experience Program (DWEP) or Certificate II or III in Sport Coaching; Certificate II in Sport - Developing Athlete; Certificate III in Sport - Athlete III; Certificate II or III in Sport and Recreation; Certificate III in Fitness and Certificate II Outdoor Recreation where under instruction and/or supervision of the Employer;
- 2.1.11. High risk construction work, as set out in [Schedule 3 of the NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation \(2017\)](#), ie work that involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 metres, construction work involving the use of explosives; work near traffic or mobile plant; and work around major gas and electrical installations (see 2.4.1 below);
- 2.1.12. Excavation work at a depth in excess of one (1) metre;
- 2.1.13. Excavation work at a depth of one (1) metre or less without direct supervision of a competent person;
- 2.1.14. Work on roof, roof cavity, confined spaces, unless all safety conditions are met (see 2.4.2 below);
- 2.1.15. Work on caissons or coffer dams;
- 2.1.16. Driving of any vehicle except as part of the NES (NSW Education Standards Authority) HSC Primary Industries Curriculum Framework, and then only where under instruction and supervision by the Employer (see 2.4.5 below);
- 2.1.17. Horse riding; however, this does not include animal dressing and preparation, stable maintenance, handling feedlots and water.
- 2.1.18. Welding/Hotwork - unless such welding or cutting was done in compliance with Australian [Standard 1674 "Safety in Welding and Allied Processes"](#) (see 2.4.4 below);
- 2.1.19. Occurrences as a result of the insured person being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any narcotic or drug unless taken in accordance with the direction and prescription of a legally qualified medical practitioner;
- 2.1.20. Any consequence of war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power or confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

In addition to the above excluded activities, the following Policy Exclusions apply:

- 2.1.21. Asbestos, tobacco or tobacco or vaping smoke
- 2.1.22. Advertising Liability

- 2.1.23. Aircraft products
- 2.1.24. Care, Custody or Control
- 2.1.25. Deductible amount
- 2.1.26. Employers Liability
- 2.1.27. Fines, Penalties, Aggravated, Punitive, Multiple Exemplary and Liquidated Damages
- 2.1.28. Intentional Injury or Damage
- 2.1.29. Loss of use of tangible property
- 2.1.30. Pollution
- 2.1.31. Professional Liability
- 2.1.32. Radioactive Contamination
- 2.1.33. Repair, Replacement or Recall of Products
- 2.1.34. Vehicles: as outlined in 2.4.5
- 2.1.35. War
- 2.1.36. Watercraft/Aircraft

## 2.2. Activities Requiring Special Approval

The following activities require approval for each placement. Please contact CSNSW to request approval.

- 2.2.1. Activities involving the handling of animals, other than exempted sites and/or participation in NESA Stage 6 Primary Industries Course. For further information, refer to CSNSW Diocesan Directors' memo 08/14 at: [Work Placement Involving Animal Handling](#)
- 2.2.2. Timber getting/Sawmilling
- 2.2.3. Abattoirs and meat processing plants (other than killing areas)
- 2.2.4. Activities, other than underground activities and use of explosives, in connection with: Mining/Quarrying/Tunnelling
- 2.2.5. Placements outside the territory of the Commonwealth of Australia. Overseas placements are not advised. Placements in the USA or Canada and countries subject to their jurisdiction are not permitted. Any considerations of overseas placements should take into account the federal government website [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au) and also consider the insurance regulations of the proposed country. Any proposed placement must be referred to the insurer through CSNSW prior to approval.
- 2.2.6. Vehicle travel with host employer/supervisor
- 2.2.7. Accommodation away from home

## 2.3. Scope and Conditions of Cover

The following requirements must be observed:

- 2.3.1. Students must be at least 14 years of age and be participating in a school approved activity/placement. Students under 15 years of age must not undertake workplace learning before 7.00am or after 6.00pm.
- 2.3.2. Cover is available throughout school holiday periods, provided the work placement is arranged and supervised by the school. Year 12 students cease to be insured by their school once they complete their last HSC examination.
- 2.3.3. Interstate placements are permitted, if arranged and supervised by the school (see Workplace Learning Principal Checklist). Placements outside the territory of the Commonwealth of Australia require special approval from the insurer (through CSNSW) and are not encouraged. (see 2.2.5 above).
- 2.3.4. Insurance cover may be voided (lost) by serious and wilful misconduct by a student while attending a work site.
- 2.3.5. The employer must have in all cases provided appropriate and reasonable instruction and/or supervision with respect to each Work Experience/Placement student.

## 2.4. Special requirements for higher risk industries and occupations

- 2.4.1. All students proceeding to a construction workplace for work placement or work experience must hold a general construction induction training card (GIT) issued or recognised by SafeWork NSW in accordance with Part 6.5 of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017. To be issued with the card, students must provide evidence to SafeWork NSW from a registered provider of satisfactory completion of the national Unit of Competency *CPCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry* or equivalent unit of competency. Where a student has obtained a general construction induction training card (White Card) issued by another state or territory the school must undertake additional actions to meet its duty of care obligations. The school must have evidence that the student has the requisite knowledge and skills to work safely and will not pose a risk to themselves or others.
- 2.4.2. The employer and school must comply with all Department of Industrial Relations and SafeWork NSW requirements (including reporting requirements) for Work Experience/Placement Programs and observe any prohibited activities or SafeWork NSW regulations (including any age restrictions and requirements for safety equipment / personal protective equipment e.g. helmets and harnesses).
- 2.4.3. Prescribed or dangerous machinery must only be used in accordance with SafeWork NSW requirements, and only then in the context of appropriate training, supervision and risk assessment. Particular care is needed to comply with the WHS requirements for scheduled work as set out in [Schedule 3 of the NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation \(2017\)](#), and the [WHS code of practice "Construction Work" \(2019\)](#).
- 2.4.4. Any electric, oxy-acetylene or similar welding or cutting and allied processes must be done in full compliance with [Australian Standard 1674 "Safety in Welding and Allied Processes"](#).
- 2.4.5. Placements involving student operation of golf carts, tractors or farm vehicles such as motor bikes/ quad bikes are permitted only for students enrolled in the NESA HSC Primary Industries Framework. If the student does take part, he or she must have successfully completed a relevant formal training course or the related course competencies or have demonstrated

substantial experience in the safe operation of such vehicles. The student still needs to be closely supervised.

- 2.4.6. A person undertaking work placement or work experience and over the age of 18 and working in occupations classed as “child-related employment” (e.g. placement with pre-schools, child welfare services, youth clubs etc) are required to complete a “Working with Children Check”. The Working with Children Check is a prerequisite for paid and unpaid child-related work. Under Part 2, section 6 of the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012*. Child-related work is defined as work in a specific, child-related role or face-to-face contact with children in a child-related sector. This Check is available on-line at <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>. You are advised to clarify any such student placement requirements with the Catholic Employment Relations and/or your child protection “Head of Agency”.

### 3. WHEN AN INCIDENT OCCURS

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Any incident which may result in a claim against the employer or the school in respect of a work experience/placement student must be immediately notified (within 7 working days) in writing to the student’s school. The school then notifies CSNSW either directly or through the school’s Diocesan Office. Suspected spinal injuries must be notified to CSNSW within 24 hours.

- The Insurer must have full conduct and control of the claim against the employer and or the school. The employer and the school must fully co-operate with the Insurer in the conduct of any such action.
- When an incident occurs no undertaking or promise of settlement/payment may be made, since compensation decisions are a matter for assessment by the insurance company(ies). It may be possible in certain circumstances to make an apology, but advice must first be obtained from the insurer through CSNSW.

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# Certificate of Currency

INSURANCE CLASS	General Public & Products Liability Policy	
INSURED NAME	Catholic Schools NSW Pty Ltd	
POLICY EXPIRY DATE	31 March 2024	
INTEREST	Legal liability to third parties for Injury and/or Damage to Property caused by an occurrence in connection with the Insured's business	
LIMIT OF LIABILITY	Public Liability	\$20,000,000
	Products Liability	\$20,000,000
INSURER / PROPORTION	Ascot Group / 50% as Lead Insurer	
	Apollo Underwriting / 25% as Co Insurer	
	Aviva Insurance / 25% as Co Insurer	
POLICY NO	B0509BOWCI2350757	

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Yours faithfully,



Glen de la Cruz / Principal

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