

Dear parent/legal guardian

Immunisation program for Year 7 and year 10 students

Vaccines offered in the Queensland School Immunisation Program		
School Year	Vaccine	Dose and administration
Year 7	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Two doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine GARDASIL [®] 9 will be offered. Therecommended interval for thetwo doses is 0 and (at least) 6 months but up to 12 months after first dose.
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)	One booster dose of adult/adolescent formulation diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) vaccine will be offered. Most students would have received vaccination against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough when they were pre-school age.
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY	One dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be offered.

Our school is participating in Queensland Health’s annual School Immunisation Program. All Year 7 and Year 10 students will be offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program schedule to protect against vaccine preventable diseases. Year 7 students will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough). Year 10 students will be offered meningococcal ACWY vaccination.

It is important that you read the information booklet contained in the consent pack which will be sent home with your child in term 1.

Only students with a **signed and completed consent card, indicating ‘Yes to Vaccination’** will be vaccinated. If you would like your child to be vaccinated, please fill in the consent card and return it to the school within one week.

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, or your child has already been vaccinated with the offered vaccines, please complete the ‘No to Vaccination’ section on the consent card and return the consent card to the school within one week.

The Public Health Act 2005 requires the school principal to disclose student and parent, legal guardian or authorised person information for eligible Year 7 and Year 10 students to the school immunisation provider if requested. This information will enable the school immunisation provider to determine those who have and have not consented, and directly follow-up with parent, legal guardian or authorised person of students who have not returned a consent card. This direct follow-up ensures all parent, legal guardian or authorised person are offered the opportunity for their child to participate in this important school health program. It may also assist you in making decisions about your child’s immunisation needs.

Parents, legal guardians or authorised persons who have indicated ‘No to Vaccination’ will not be followed up by the provider.

School immunisation providers will be bound to comply with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld). This Act stipulates the requirements for the secure collection, use, storage and disposal of personal information to be followed by school health program providers.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of authorised registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner. Parents, legal guardians or authorised persons are encouraged to ensure their children have an adequate breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

The vaccination team will be visiting the school to give the free vaccinations on the following dates:

Year 7	Round 1	30 March
	Round 2	28 October
Year 10		2 August

For further information about the School Immunisation Program please call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation

Yours sincerely



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