

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian

Immunisation program - 2018 for Year 7 and Year 10 students

Our school is participating in Queensland Health's School Immunisation Program in 2018. All Year 7 students will be offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program schedule to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough). All Year 10 students will be offered free meningococcal ACWY vaccination.

Vaccines offered in the 2018 Queensland School Immunisation program	
Vaccine	Dose and administration Year 7
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Two doses of human papillomavirus (HPV vaccine will be offered. The recommended interval for the two doses is 0 and 6 months.
Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)	One booster dose of adult/adolescent formulation dTpa vaccine will be offered. Most students would have received vaccination against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis when they were pre-school age.
Vaccine	Dose and administration Year 10
Meningococcal ACWY	One dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be offered. Most students would have received vaccination against meningococcal C only when they were 12 months old. This vaccine provides protection against the extra strains 'W' and 'Y' that can cause meningococcal disease

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.

Recent new laws require the school principal to disclose student and parent information for eligible Year 7 & 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 contact parents of students who have not returned a consent card. This direct contact ensures all parents are offered the opportunity for their child to participate in this important school program, if for some reason you did not receive the consent form. It may also assist you in making decisions about your child's immunisation needs.

Parents who have indicated 'No to Vaccination' will not be followed up by the provider.

School immunisation providers will have to comply with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Old). 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. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have an adequate breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

The vaccination team will be visiting the school two times during the year to give the free vaccinations. Please check our website/newsletter for the dates.

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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