



## 2017 School Based Vaccination Program

Our school is participating in the Queensland Health's annual School Immunisation Program.

All Year 7 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended in the National Immunisation Program schedule to protect against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough).

The vaccinations will be conducted by the Ozcare team who are specially trained, registered nurses.

A consent form for each vaccination offered has been given to your child to bring home. Only students with a signed and completed consent card, indicating 'Yes to Vaccination' will be vaccinated. If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, please complete the 'No to Vaccination' section of the consent form.

Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and if you have not already returned the completed form (which was due 6 February) you will now be required to return directly to Ozcare, 73 Woongarra St, Bundaberg. All forms **must be returned by 28 February 2017 - whether your student is participating or not.**

New laws require the College Principal to disclose student and parent information for eligible Year 7 students to the College Immunisation provider (Ozcare). This information enables Ozcare to directly follow up with parents of students who have not returned a consent card. Parents who have indicated 'No to Vaccination' will not be followed up by the provider. School immunisation providers are bound to comply the Information Privacy Act 2009 (QLD).

For further information about the School Based Vaccination Program, please call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or visit <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/immunisation>

Below is a calendar of vaccinations for the 2017 school year;

**Round 1 – 22 March (HPV and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)**

**Round 2 – 26 May (HPV)**

**Round 3 – 13 October (HPV)**

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of the vaccination.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mr Dan McMahan  
Principal