

2018 School Based Vaccination Program

Immunisation program for Year 7 students

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

Vaccines offered in the Queensland School Immunisation Program	
Vaccine	Dose and administration
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Two doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered. The recommended interval for 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.

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.

New laws require the school principal to disclose student and parent information for eligible Year 7 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 parents of students who have not returned a consent card. This direct follow-up ensures all parents 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 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.

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

Below is a calendar of vaccinations for the 2018 school year;

Round 1 - Year 7 HPV1 & Year 7 dTpa - Thursday 15 March 2018

Round 2 - Year 7 HPV2 – Wednesday 07 November 2018

The consent cards are distributed to all our current year 7 students via House Coordinators/PC Teachers in the first two weeks of Term 1. They need to be returned to Student Reception by the 5th of February, any late forms need to be returned directly to OzCare, 73 Woongarra Street.

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

[immunisation through the school program](#)

A [consent card](#) can be downloaded from QLD Health if required.

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