



To: Ms Jennifer Boyall
School: Katoomba High School
Date: 7 November 2018

NSW School Vaccination Program 2019

Each year NSW Health works with schools to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

In 2019 the following vaccines will be offered:

Year 7 students:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 2-dose schedule at 0 and 6 months.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (dTpa) as a single dose.

Year 10 students:

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine as a single dose.

Confirmation of vaccination clinic details is as follows:

Clinic Dates:

Monday, 11 March 2019 09:00
Yr 7, dTpa and 1st dose HPV- all students
Yr 8, 2nd dose HPV 2018- catch up

Tuesday, 28 May 2019 09:00
Yr 10, Men ACWY
Yr 7, dTpa and 1st dose HPV- catch up
Yr 8, 2nd dose HPV 2018- catch up

Monday, 23 September 2019 09:00
Yr 7, 2nd dose HPV
Yr 7, dTpa and 1st dose HPV- catch up
Yr 8, 2nd dose HPV 2018- catch up
Yr 10, Men ACWY- catch up

Parental/guardian consent is required for students to be vaccinated. Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school or calling the school or contacting the Public Health Unit directly on (02) 4734 2022.

It is very important that the school provides the Public Health Unit with any notifications of withdrawn consent prior to the commencement of clinics to ensure that the wishes of parents/guardians are respected- these notifications should include the student's name and school grade, the date and time that consent was withdrawn, and those vaccines the withdrawn consent applies to. The 'Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent' is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

Consent forms will only be accepted if they are completed using blue or black pen and are original (photocopied or faxed consent forms will not be accepted).



I would be grateful if you would distribute the relevant *Parent Information Kits* to all Year 7 students and ensure the consent forms are returned to the school as soon as possible. This is a key element to the success of the program. A record of vaccination will be given after vaccination as a physical card. To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school into Year 8.

The Parent Information Kits have been translated for parents/guardians into 26 community languages and are available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/schooltranslations and you may wish to distribute this information to parents/guardians. **However, only the English-language consent form should be completed.**

Please do not permit parents/guardians to come to the school on the day of the clinic.

It is important that vaccines are given in the correct location. In order to clearly see the physiological landmarks used to assess where to place the vaccine the nurse administering the vaccine needs to have access to the entire upper arm. If the uniform shirt or dress does not allow easy access to the upper arm we would like to ask that the students be permitted to wear their sports shirt to attend the vaccination clinic.

Thank you for your assistance and support to ensure the success of this important public health program. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the School Vaccination Program Coordinator on (02) 4734 2022.

Yours sincerely

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