



Dear Parents and/or carers of Year 7 students,

Advice regarding the Year 7 High School Immunisation Program in 2021

Further to my recent letter to advise you on the impact of the COVID lockdown on the Year 7 High School Immunisation Program, I can now confirm the Term 4 program is being rescheduled and a **Year 8 catch up program will be offered at school in Term 1, 2022.**

The 2022 program will be scheduled as below:

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine Dose 2	Term 1
Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis (dTpa) vaccine	Term 1

Important things to note

- Please talk to your child about their Year 7 high school vaccines and that these will now be given in Year 8, Term 1 in 2022.
- The consent you provided in 2021 is still valid. You can still withdraw consent at any time. Please contact your school or visit our website for details.
- Students who already received Dose 1 HPV in early 2021 will still receive Dose 2 in the recommended timeframe as set out by the Australian Immunisation Handbook.
- If you provided consent and your child missed Dose 1 HPV in early 2021, they will receive this in Term 1, 2022. A letter with information on how to complete the course at your GP will be sent to you.
- These vaccines will not be available from GPs until the Year 8 catch up is completed in schools.

If you have any queries regarding your child's immunisations at school, please either contact your school directly or visit our website:

www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents

Yours sincerely

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