Things parents should know

All Year 8 students will receive Vaccination Consent Form Packs during the first week of school. These packs contain information about the vaccines and the diseases they prevent, and consent forms for parents to sign and return to school.

The vaccines offered in Year 8 are human papillomavirus (HPV), varicella (chicken pox) and a combined diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus (dTpa) vaccine. HPV is a course of 3 doses over 6 months; the other two vaccines are just one dose.

Parents are asked to complete the consent forms. It is very important to make sure you provide your student’s details including name, date of birth, address, Medicare number and a contact number for parent. Please remember to sign and date the form.

Completed forms must be returned by the date specified, but as a guide this will usually be the end of the third week of Term 1.

The Vaccine Service Providers (VSP) who conduct the clinics are in regular contact with the school and are available to answer any questions you may have. The contact details for your school’s VSP is included in the Consent Form Packs.

All students vaccinated at a school clinic will receive a Record of Vaccination to bring home for your information and also for their medical records.

Should your student miss vaccinations through the school program, there is an opportunity to complete the course through your General Practitioner. A student who misses their Year 8 vaccinations is entitled to free vaccinations up until the end of the next calendar year; that is until 31st December of the year they are in Year 9.