School Newsletter

NSW SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Ministry of Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school –based vaccination program.

In 2014 the following vaccines will be offered:

- **Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine** - 1 dose for all Year 7 students who have not previously received Varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.
- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping cough) vaccine** - 1 booster dose. This dose was previously recommended at 15 years of age. Your child will only be offered this vaccine in Year 7.
- **HPV vaccine (Human Papillomavirus)** - a 3 dose course. The vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female students and Year 9 male students as a 3-dose course over the school year. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 at school but do not complete the course will be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8.

*Parent Information Kits* will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child’s school. Please ensure the child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.


To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Register and for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

*A Record of Vaccination* will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents / guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this record of Vaccination.