Dear Parent/Guardian,

NSW Ministry of Health and the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit provide a school-based vaccination service each year to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

In 2013, the following vaccines will be offered to all Year 7 students:

- **Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (whooping cough)** – given as a single scheduled dose due for their age group. This is the scheduled “booster” dose for their age group and replaces the previously scheduled 15yr booster. They will not be offered this vaccine again in school after Year 7. This will be the only time they are eligible for free vaccine.

- **Hepatitis B** – given as a course of 2 doses in a schedule, given at the beginning and the end of the year. If your child received 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine as part of a childhood schedule, your child does not require further doses of the vaccine through the school program.

- **Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine** – given as a once only single dose. If your child has a history of the chickenpox illness or received a dose of Varicella (chickenpox or Varilrix) vaccine, as part of a childhood schedule, your child does not require further doses of the vaccine through the school program.

- **HPV vaccine** – given as a course of 3 doses in a schedule, given at the beginning, middle and end of the year (to both male and female Year 7 students and Year 9 boys only).

If you are unsure of your child’s immunisation history or if you have any other questions regarding your child’s requirements please contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit Immunisation Team on 9477 9019.

A team of nurses from Northern Sydney Public Health Unit will be attending a series of clinics at your child’s school to provide these vaccinations. **No vaccine will be given without the relevant, completed consent form**.

Students will receive a pack in a blue envelope (for males) or pink envelope (for females) containing the relevant Parent Information Kits. The kits comprise of a Checklist for Parents, Privacy Statement and consent forms. The Human Papillomavirus vaccine consent form for boys will be in a separate envelope. Please read the information in the packages thoroughly and, if you wish your child to receive any or all of these vaccines, complete (in blue or black pen) and sign the relevant consent form/s and return them to the school prior to the clinic being held at the school. If you do not receive a kit contact your school in the first instance.

If you do not wish your child to receive vaccine(s) please do not open the pack(s) or complete simply return the unopened pack(s) to the school for redistribution.

**Note:** Advice in the form of a letter to the parent/guardian will be provided at the completion of the school year for any students who did not receive all recommended doses.

The date of the first vaccination clinic at your child’s school will be: **25/3/2013**

Please check with your school for information on exactly which vaccines will be offered on which date.

Please ensure consent forms are returned prior to this date, where possible, as original, signed, consent forms are required for vaccination to occur at the clinics. If you have any further queries after reading the information packages please contact the Immunisation Team, Northern Sydney Public Health Unit, on 9477 9019.
Cheltenham Girls’ High School
Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule

25th March, 2013
Year 7 girls Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 1)
Year 7 girls Hepatitis B (Dose 1)

8th April, 2013
Year 7 girls Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis

27th May, 2013
Year 7 girls Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 2)
Year 7 girls Chickenpox Vaccine

21st October, 2013
Year 7 girls Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 3)
Year 7 girls Hepatitis B (Dose 2)

* Please note we no longer vaccinate in Year 10