



22 January 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian

## RE: Immunisation program for Year 7 and Year 10 students

Our school is participating in Queensland Health's annual School Immunisation Program.

### Year 7:

#### Human Papillomavirus (HPV) & Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

All Year 7 students are being offered free vaccination against HPV (involving two doses of the vaccine given over six months) and a free booster dose of adult/adolescent diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (Whooping Cough).

The vaccination team will be visiting the school to give the free vaccinations on the following dates:

Term 1	Thursday 22/02/2018	9.00am	HPV1/Boostrix
Term 4	Thursday 1/11/2018	9.00am	HPV2

### Year 10:

#### Meningococcal ACWY

All Year 10 students are being offered a free vaccination against Meningococcal ACWY.

The vaccination team will be visiting the school to give the free vaccinations on the following date:

Term 2	Friday 11/05/2018	9.00am	ACWY
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### What do you need to do?

It is important that you read the information on the consent form, **provided to students on the 22 and 23 January 2018**. The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses.

**Only students with a completed and signed consent form will be vaccinated. If you would like your child to be vaccinated, please fill in the consent form and return by 31 January 2018 to Tooth Reception.**

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated or your child has already been vaccinated, please note this on the form and return it to school. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

Yours sincerely

Dr Paul Browning  
Headmaster

## Enquiries

### Absent Students

Students that have a signed consent form but are not vaccinated due to absence or refusal will be sent an email or letter advising them to attend Brisbane City Council's free immunisation clinics or to go to a GP. Please note that due to the required time frames between vaccine doses, they will have limited time to catch up the missed immunisation to fit back into the School Immunisation Program schedule. This date will be specified in the email or letter.

**If parent/guardians have further questions, please phone Brisbane City Council's Contact Centre on 07 3403 8888 and ask for Immunisation Services.**

### Students Changing Schools

Students who have changed schools will need to notify Immunisation Services by email at [immunisation@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@brisbane.qld.gov.au) to ensure the consent form is transferred to the new school.

Immunisation Services will make every effort to fit the student into the School Immunisation Program schedule. Parents will be required to provide information of previous vaccinations including vaccine name, dose number, the date administered and batch number if they were not provided by Brisbane City Council.

### Withdrawn Consent

If a parent wishes to withdraw consent after a signed consent form has been supplied to Brisbane City Council, they must notify Immunisation Services in writing by emailing [immunisation@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@brisbane.qld.gov.au). If the immunisation visit is within five business days, please mark the email as urgent, noting "Withdrawn Consent" in the email title. It is recommended parents also provide a note with their child on the day of immunisation to ensure they are not immunised.

### Vaccination Records

If a parent is requesting an immunisation history for vaccines administered by Brisbane City Council, they will be required to request these records in writing. Please direct requests to [immunisation@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@brisbane.qld.gov.au) and include the student's full name, date of birth, address, school attended and Medicare number. All medical records kept by Immunisation Services are confidential and will only be released to the parent or legal guardian of the student.

### Where can I get Vaccine Information?

Vaccine information can be accessed through:

- **Queensland Health website**  
<http://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/immunisation/adolescents/index.html>

OR

- **Brisbane City Council website** <http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community/community-safety/council-immunisation-clinics/vaccination-schedules>