

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2020 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine - Gardasil 9	2-doses – 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccine - dTpa Boostrix	Single dose

Year 7 students will bring home a Parent Information Kit which includes an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement. To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided.
- complete the consent form, sign your name next to the vaccine/s you want your child to receive.
- return the completed consent form to your child's school.
- ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students:

- can return a completed consent form at any time during Year 7.
- be opportunistically vaccinated for any missed doses during Year 7 or Year 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination).
- if absent on vaccination clinic day – the school immunisation team will send you an SMS and catch up your child at the next scheduled visit and ensure correct vaccine intervals are met.
- there is no need to go to the GP unless this is your personal preference.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic as a paper card.

Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories, which can be downloaded via MyGov.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the SWSLHD Public Health Unit on 1300 055 066.