

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM – SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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 2022 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement 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, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast and has food available on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered catch-up vaccination for any missed doses, including:

- during Year 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination for consent signed in 2021)
- during Year 9 or Year 12 for students who missed vaccination during 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 disruptions

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 card will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.

For further information:

Australian Government Department of Health website

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/getting-your-hpv-dtpa-vaccinations-at-school-what-to-expect>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/getting-your-meningococcal-acwy-vaccination-at-school-what-to-expect>

NSW Health website <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

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