



19 February 2021

Under the Stewardship of Mary Aikenhead Ministries

Dear Parents/Carers

One of the public health services that is provided to Australian young people is the Immunisation Program. The College facilitates this by providing time and a facility, but the provider is NSW Health. The first clinic will be held on Tuesday 16 March 2021.

For Year 7 students in 2021 the following will be offered:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine as a booster dose for all students
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine as a two-dose course (at least 6 months apart)

We have sent home to you via your daughter an information sheet, consent form and a privacy statement.

Please:

- Read all of the information provided
- Complete the consent form, including signing your name next to the vaccine you would like your daughter to receive
- **Return the completed consent form to Student Services by Thursday 11 March, (must be the original numbered card, NSW Health do not accept copies or scans)**
- Ensure that your daughter eats breakfast on the scheduled day of the vaccination

Consent forms will be mailed home to Boarders with a reply envelope included. Please note that if your daughter commences her HPV vaccination via the school clinic in Year 7 but does not complete the course during this year, she will be offered catch up dates in Year 8. Students who start the HPV doses with their GP will be advised to continue with their GP.

Parents/Carers who wish to withdraw consent for any reason can do so by writing to the College Principal, Mrs. Anne Fry. The procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to your daughter on a physical card. Please keep this for future reference.

Year 7 students may become distressed at the thought of vaccinations. Please reassure them about the simplicity and safety of the process. Sister Anne Taylor, our College Companion supports the girls throughout each vaccination clinic. If your daughter has a particular phobia about needles, then the privacy and familiarity of their own GP might be more appropriate than the school clinic.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information: bob.anderson@stvincents.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

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