**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 2022 the following vaccines will be offered:

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| **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 on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination) or consent signed in 2021.

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/](http://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.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Wilson MLHD Immunisation Coordinator, Albury PHU on 1300 066 055.