

Pittwater House

From the Health Centre

18 March 2020

NSW School Vaccination Clinic – Monday 30 March

NSW Health will be offering the following vaccinations at your school clinic to **all Year 7 students** on **Monday 30 March 2020;**

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccines (dTpa)

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement have been sent home to Year 7 parents and guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents and 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 if a student is absent from a clinic they will be offered any missed doses at subsequent clinics during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination). They do not need to go to their GP for these vaccines because they are absent from a clinic.

Year 8 students who did not complete their two dose course of HPV at school in 2019 can also have this second dose.

It is very helpful to adolescents to be informed about this process. The following short video for you and your child has useful information about the vaccines and how the school immunisation clinic will run.

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

Parents and guardians who later 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.

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