

Dear Parent/Guardian

In 2019, Year 7 students will be offered free vaccinations as recommended by the National Immunisation Program to protect against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough).

Students who are immunocompromised may need a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of HPV, please advise your Health Promoting School Nurse.

Students in Year 7 who were born overseas or have a parent who was born overseas will also be offered a Mantoux test (to determine exposure to Tuberculosis).

Students in Year 9 who have not received Meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be offered this vaccine.

Aboriginal students in Year 10 will be offered the pneumococcal vaccine, also recommended by the National Immunisation Program.

Your child's school will notify you of the specific dates the vaccine program will occur.

YEAR LEVEL	VACCINE GIVEN in Term 1	VACCINE GIVEN in Term 3 or 4
Year 7	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)* Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis Mantoux skin test <sup>§</sup>	HPV
Year 9	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	
Year 10	Pneumococcal (Aboriginal students only)	

\* HPV vaccine is given as a course of 2 injections over a period of 6 months.

<sup>§</sup> Mantoux (Tuberculosis) skin testing is offered to Year 7 students who were born overseas or have a parent who was born overseas.

### Consent

**No vaccines or Mantoux test will be given without parental consent.**

Consent forms for each vaccine are enclosed.

**Please read and return signed consent forms to your child's school as quickly as possible, even if you don't wish to have your child vaccinated at school.**

### Vaccine Service Delivery

Vaccinations will be provided on specified days by Health Promoting School Nurses who are qualified immunisation providers. It is safe to administer more than one vaccine on the same day. If more than one vaccine is administered they may be given in separate arms. At each visit, your child will be given a record of the vaccination and advice for care after vaccination.

### Additional Information:

If you have any queries about the school based vaccination program, please contact your school nurse or the Centre for Disease Control in your area.

Visit: <https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/healthy-living/immunisation/child-vaccinations>

Yours sincerely



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