

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In 2021, students will be offered free vaccinations recommended by the National Immunisation Program as part of a school based vaccination program.

Students in Year 7 will be offered a diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (dTpa) vaccine and a course of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. Those students 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 will be offered the Meningococcal ACWY vaccine if they have not already received one.

Aboriginal students in Year 10 will be offered the pneumococcal and influenza vaccines.

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 1 or 2	VACCINE GIVEN in Term 3 or 4
Year 7	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)* Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) Mantoux skin test [§]	Yes	HPV Advise if student immunocompromised, may require 3 doses
Year 9	Meningococcal ACWY	Yes	
Year 10	Pneumococcal Influenza (Aboriginal students only)	Yes	

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

* 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.

Please read and return signed the enclosed 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

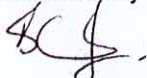
Vaccinations will be provided on specified days by Health Promoting School Nurses who are qualified immunisation providers. It is safe to administer more than one vaccine on the same day. If more than one vaccine is administered they may be given in separate arms. At each visit your child will be given 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's 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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