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Dear Year 7 Parents,

NSW School Vaccination Program 2017

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 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis / whooping cough) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8).

In 2017, the Year 7 students will have multiple clinics at the College. The first of these will occur next **Wednesday 1 March**, with the date of the second clinic yet to be determined but likely to be in Term 3.

A team of specially trained registered nurses will administer these vaccines. After the boys have been vaccinated they will be given a Record of Vaccination to take home. The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised. 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.

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.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Should you wish for your son to be vaccinated, please complete and return the NSW Health Consent form that has been sent home with your son by no later than **Monday 27 February** and given to your sons HCT teacher.

Should you have any further queries about this Vaccination Programme please contact me directed at the College.

Yours sincerely,

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