

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Secondary School Immunisation Program (SSIP) offers free vaccines as part of the National Immunisation Program each year to Year 7 and Year 10 students. These vaccines are administered by Banyule City Council's experienced immunisation nurses. The vaccines are free for those regardless of if you have Medicare or not.

Students will have the opportunity to receive the following vaccine in year 7:

- HPV (human papillomavirus) -as of February 2023 now a single dose.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) – single dose.

In 2024 we will be moving to online consent via the Department of Health's central immunisation record program (CIRV). A link will be provided approximately 6 weeks prior to our visit from your School to obtain your consent or denial of administering the vaccine to your child.

If you wish for your child to have the vaccine elsewhere you can attend any of the local council immunisation sessions for free or at your local GP (vaccine is free however doctor clinic may charge a consult fee, please confirm prior to attending).

Please let us know via the consent link (when it is sent) if it is a "yes" or a "no". We cannot administer the vaccine without parental consent.

If you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccine selecting the "denied" option lets us know you have seen the information and chosen to not go ahead. **Once completed you will receive a confirmation email. If you don't receive confirmation, then please go back into the portal as it needs to be completed.**

More information regarding the secondary school immunisation program can be found here - <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources-for-secondary-schools-SSIP>

If you wish to contact Banyule City Council immunisation team you can do so via email or phone. immunisation@banyule.vic.gov.au or 03 9457 9964

Kind Regards,

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