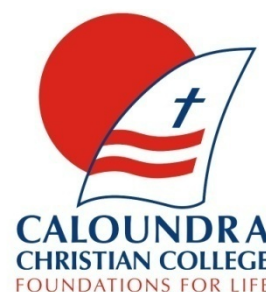


30 January 2017

Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers



RE: IMMUNISATION PROGRAM FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Our College is participating in Queensland Health's School Based Vaccination Program for 2017. All Year 7 students will be offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program schedule, to protect against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) (Whooping Cough).

VACCINES OFFERED IN THE QUEENSLAND SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM	
Vaccine	Dose and administration
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Three doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered. The recommended interval for the three doses is 0, 2 and 6 months.
Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)	One booster dose of adult/adolescent formulation of dTpa vaccine will be offered. Most students would have received vaccination against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis when they were pre-school age.

It is important that you read the information booklet contained in the consent pack, which is included in this package.

Only students with a **signed and completed consent card, indicating 'Yes to Vaccination'** will be vaccinated. If you would like your child to be vaccinated, please fill in the consent card and return it to the College by Monday, 6 February 2017.

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, or your child has already been vaccinated with the offered vaccines, please complete the **'No to Vaccination'** section on the consent card and return the consent card to the College by Monday, 6 February 2017.

New laws require the College Principal to disclose student and parent information for eligible Year 7 students to the school immunisation provider if requested. This information will enable the school immunisation provider to determine those who have and have not consented, and directly contact parents of students who have not returned a consent card. This direct contact ensures all parents are offered the opportunity for their child to participate in this important school program, if for some reason you did not receive the consent form. It may also assist you in making decisions about your child's immunisation needs.

Parents who have indicated 'No to Vaccination' will not be followed up by the provider.

School immunisation providers will have to comply with the *Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)*. This Act stipulates the requirements for the secure collection, use, storage and disposal of personal information to be followed by school health program providers.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of authorised registered nurses. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have an adequate breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

The vaccination team will be visiting the College three times during the year to give the free vaccination. These dates are: Thursday, 9 March 2017, Thursday, 15 June 2017 and Thursday, 9 November 2017.

For further information about the School Immunisation Program, please call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation. Please also read the attached document which provides additional information regarding the new laws, which have been implemented.

Your Caloundra Christian College contact is Ms Donna Richards, Executive Assistant and Immunisation Liaison.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hodges

Principal