

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Keeping your child up to date with routine vaccinations helps to protect them from serious preventable diseases. As part of the NSW School Vaccination Program, students in Year 7 are offered free vaccines to protect them from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV). In Year 10, students are offered the free meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Your consent is required for your child to receive routine vaccinations at school. If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, **you can now provide this consent online.**

This year's school vaccination clinics will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 23 February 2023	Year 7
Thursday 03 August 2023	Year 10 (and Year 7)
Thursday 23 November 2023	Year 7 and Year 10 who did not get vaccinated at the first two visits.

You can provide consent for your child's vaccinations via ServiceNSW using this [link](#).

From February 2023, **only one dose of HPV vaccination is required** to be fully vaccinated. This change has been endorsed by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) based on the latest evidence showing that one dose provides the same level of protection against HPV as two doses.

If you have already consented to your child receiving two doses of HPV vaccine, they will only receive one dose.

If your child is in Year 8 or above and previously missed their second dose of HPV vaccine, they are now considered fully vaccinated and do not require a second dose.

A small number of students who are immunocompromised are still recommended to receive a three-dose course of HPV vaccine. If your child is immunocompromised, it is important to discuss their immunisation needs with their GP.

If your child misses a school vaccination clinic, the school immunisation nurses will try to catch them up at their next visit. Alternately, you can speak to a GP or pharmacist about catching up on vaccination.

For more information on school vaccination visit: [health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination) or if you have any questions, please contact South Eastern Sydney Public Health Unit on **9382 8333 (Ext 2)**.

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# Protect your child against HPV

One vaccination  
is all it takes



Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination is a safe and reliable way to protect young people from getting a range of HPV-related cancers and diseases throughout their life.

HPV vaccination is offered free at school in Year 7. You will need to provide consent. Your school will share a link for you to provide consent for your child's vaccination online.

If your child has missed their vaccination at school, speak to your GP or pharmacist about a catch-up vaccination.



**For more information visit:**  
[health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)

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One vaccination is all it takes to protect your child against HPV related cancers and diseases.

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Social media

Tile graphic	Post copy
<p data-bbox="204 392 276 421">Tile 1</p>  <p data-bbox="225 454 568 533"><b>Protect your child against HPV.</b></p> <p data-bbox="683 450 756 517"> NSW</p> <p data-bbox="225 560 657 656">One vaccination is all it takes to protect your child against HPV related cancers and diseases.</p> 	<p data-bbox="805 392 1396 589">Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination is a safe and reliable way to protect young people from getting a range of HPV-related cancers and diseases throughout their life, including cancers of the cervix, anus, penis and throat, and genital warts.</p> <p data-bbox="805 622 1396 790">If your child is in year 7 this year (aged 12-13) they can receive the HPV vaccine free of charge at school. You will need to provide consent for your child to received free routine vaccinations at school.</p> <p data-bbox="805 824 1396 1025">From 2023, children in year 7 will now only need one dose of HPV vaccination. This change has been endorsed by ATAGI based on evidence showing that one dose provides the same level of protection against HPV as two doses.</p> <p data-bbox="805 1059 1396 1193">If your child has already received one dose of HPV vaccine, they are now considered fully vaccinated and do not require any further doses.</p> <p data-bbox="805 1227 1396 1395">A small number of children who are immunocompromised are still recommended to receive a three-dose course of HPV vaccine. If your child is immunocompromised, speak to their GP.</p> <p data-bbox="805 1429 1396 1527">For more information on HPV and the school vaccination program: <a href="http://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination">health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination</a></p>

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