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Your Ref:

Our Ref: Year 10 - Meningococcal ACWY vaccine
Tarneit Senior College 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, as a part of the Victorian Secondary School Immunisation Program, and National Immunisation Program, Wyndham Council's Immunisation service offers free Meningococcal ACWY vaccine to all Year 10 students.

Why is this vaccine important?

Meningococcal disease occurs when meningococcal bacteria, commonly found in the nose or throat, invades the body and causes disease.

Although invasive meningococcal disease is rare, it is serious and can become life-threatening very quickly.

Young people in this age group are at an increased risk of contracting meningococcal and are more likely to spread the disease to others.

By offering free vaccination to this age group, we can help protect both your child and the wider community by reducing the spread of the disease.

How is it given?

A single dose of the vaccine called Menquadfi, given into the arm, provides protection against the A, C, W, Y strains which can cause Meningococcal disease.

Students who received the Meningococcal C vaccine as children are still recommended to have this dose.

Vaccines are administered by our experienced Registered Nurses who are qualified Nurse Immunisers, and all students remain under observation for a minimum of 15 minutes following vaccination, in case of reactions.

Preparing your child for vaccination day.

Discuss the importance of the vaccines with your child.

Encourage them to eat breakfast that morning, and to speak to the immunisation staff if they are feeling nervous.

Consent

Wyndham Council's Immunisation service will be visiting your child's school on Thursday 30 April.

Consent for the vaccine is to be given online via the Central Immunisation Records Victoria (CIRV) portal.

Please go to the following link to register your consent.

<https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au//PrivacyCollection/?id=4ea93309-da11-f111-8406-6045bde58cbd&Year10>

You will receive a code to gain access to the consent area.
Please note, the code is case sensitive.

The consent link will close at 9am on Tuesday 28 April.

You must register your response before the link closes, in order for your child to be vaccinated.
If you do not wish your child to receive this vaccine, please go to the link above to indicate this.

If you do not have access to the internet, or are having difficulty using the online consent, please contact your school for a paper version.
Information is also available in several other languages, if needed.

Should you have any questions, or require assistance, call the Immunisation Team on 9742 0736 or email on immunisation@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Further information on school vaccinations can be found at
<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

Yours faithfully



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