

Doctors in Secondary Schools



The Doctors in Secondary Schools program at our College is being relaunched this Term and students can now book appointments. Appointments are free and confidential.

Who? Dr Prashima and Nurse Maree

What? Free and confidential health care

When? Every Thursday

Where? Next to the Sickbay

Why? So students can access health care at school



What can I see the doctor for?

- A general health check-up
- Injuries such as sports injuries
- Vision and hearing tests
- Asthma management
- Advice on healthy eating
- Help to quit smoking or vaping
- Mental health – body image, depression, anxiety
- Sexual health – contraception, STIs, pregnancy testing



Consent and Confidentiality



Consistent with Australian common law, the program recognises that:

- Any student who wants to see the GP will be permitted to book an appointment.
- The GP will decide whether the young person is mature enough to consent to medical treatment or whether parent/carer consent is needed – as is the case with all GPs in the community.
- The right for a young person's health information to be kept confidential will be respected unless the disclosure is with the consent of the young person or it is otherwise permitted by law – as is the case with all GP practice in the community.

How to make an appointment



Students can make an appointment to see the doctor by:

1. Going to see Aicia (Student Services Leader) in the Student Services Office or Michele (Admin/First Aid) in the General Office.
2. Emailing: scoresby.sc@education.vic.gov.au
3. Dropping into see Nurse Maree during recess or lunchtime on Thursdays when the clinic is open.



Medicare card requirement

To access the GP students who wish to use this program must provide a medicare number at the time of the consultation to enable this.

The GP will bulk bill consultations through Medicare so there will be no out of pocket expense for the student or their parent/carer.

Students who are 15 years and older can apply to have their own Medicare card. <https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au> Go to website and follow instructions to apply for a medicare card.

If the student is under 15 they can use the parent/carer medicare card/number that they are already registered for.

To access DISS please have either your medicare number from your card (stored safely digitally) or a screenshot of it, so this number can be sighted and recorded on Health record, when accessing the DISS clinic.

If the parent/carer has the medicare card, and student wants to access the DISS clinic, then please check with your parent if they would allow a screenshot of this, so the number can be advised to the DISS Nurse who sets up the file/health record.