**NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM**

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2024 the following vaccines will be offered:

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| **YEARS** | **VACCINE** | **NUMBER OF DOSES** |
| Year 7 | Human papillomavirus (HPV9) vaccine | Single dose |
| Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine | Single dose |
| Year 10 | Meningococcal ACWY vaccine | Single dose |

Schools will distribute a URL and a QR code to all Year 7 and Year 10 parents at the beginning of the 2024 school year which will provide access to an online Parent Information, privacy statement and consent form. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

* Enter the URL into your browser, select the School Vaccination Program tile and follow instructions.
* read all the information provided
* complete the online consent form and give consent for which vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
* ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

To improve vaccination completion, students whose parents/guardians have provide consent while in Year 7 or Year 10 and who miss vaccine doses at any clinic, will be opportunistically offered these vaccines at each clinic visit throughout 2024 (Year 7 or 10) & 2025 (Year 8 or 11).

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by amending their student’s online consent. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx>

***A Record of Vaccination will be provided to parents by SMS once a student has been vaccinated. Parents/guardians should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this SMS notification.***

NOTE: If you experience difficulty with accessing the online consent package, please speak with the School Vaccination coordinator at your school.

[Providing consent for your child to receive a vaccination at school - Immunisation programs](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/online-consent-school-vaccination.aspx) [(nsw.gov.au)](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/online-consent-school-vaccination.aspx)

Any queries or issues accessing the QR code please contact Mrs Gillett (Glen Innes High School) or Chris Curran at the hospital 02 67390240