

What Vaccines will my child be receiving at High School this Year?

Year 7 1. Gardasil 9 (HPV vaccination). Two doses will be given. The first dose on the 6th March and the second dose on the 30th October.

2. Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough vaccination). This will be given on the 29th May.

Year 10 1. Meningococcal ACWY This will be given on the 15th of May.

What is Boostrix: The Boostrix vaccination protects against bacterial infections including Diphtheria, Whooping cough and Tetanus.

What is Gardasil 9? This helps prevent infection from the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). HPV causes genital warts and cancers. It spreads mainly by contact during sexual activity. The cancers caused by HPV include cancer of the cervix, vagina, penis and anus. It is also associated with cancers of the head and neck. Without vaccination, 90% of adults will have a HPV infection at some point in their life. There is no treatment to get rid of HPV infection. In most people the virus causes no symptoms and goes away by itself, but sometimes it can persist and cause types of cancer or serious illness.



Is the HPV vaccine safe?

HPV vaccines used in Australia are very safe. All HPV vaccines available in Australia have been thoroughly tested and more than 270 million doses have been given worldwide. In Australia, as in other countries, there is ongoing monitoring of vaccine safety.

Can kids get the HPV vaccine if they missed it at school? Yes. Kids who don't receive the vaccine at school are eligible for 2 free catch up doses before they turn 20. This can be given by a GP or Child Youth and Family Health Mackay (Ph. 48857750).

How effective is the HPV vaccine? The HPV vaccine protects against almost all cases of genital warts in both males and females. Almost all HPV infections that cause abnormal cells and cancer can be prevented by the HPV vaccine. Since the introduction of the vaccine into Australia rates of HPV infections, pre-cancers of the cervix and genital warts have greatly decreased.

What is the Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine? This protects against many strains of Meningococcal Infection. This bacterial infection although rare, progresses quickly. One in 10 people infected die and around one in five suffer serious long-term disabilities.

Are there Side Effects of Vaccinations? Many people who have vaccinations will have no side effects at all. However like any medication reactions can occur. The most common side effect is tenderness, redness or a lump at the injection site and/or a low grade temperature. If you are concerned about a possible reaction after vaccination please ring your Gp or Child Youth and Family Health (4885 7750). Your child will be monitored at school for 15 minutes after the vaccination is given.

How do I ensure that my child will receive their school vaccinations? Vaccination consent forms were sent home with your child, please have these signed by their legal guardian and returned to school as soon as possible. If you do not wish your child to have the vaccinations please sign that you do not want vaccinations and return the form to school.

Preparation:

Make sure the student has eaten breakfast and brings food/money for lunch on immunisation day.

Take water bottles with them to vaccine clinic.

For more information:

http://www.ncirs.org.au/sites/default/files/2018-12/HPV%20Factsheet_2018%20Aug%20Update_final%20for%20web.pdf

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/vaccines/hpv-vaccine.html>

https://knowmeningococcal.com.au/?cc=sem:AU:bxo:knowmensem2019:4jk824q4:mop:men:nap:google:paidsearch:mprisk&gclid=EAlaIQobChMltPuqces5wIVDKqWCh3xAQ6bEAAYASAAEgLv4fD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds