February, 2013

Dear Parents,

School Based Adolescent Vaccination Program

NSW Vaccination Program 2013

In 2013, the following vaccines will be offered to:

ALL Year 7 Students:
- Hepatitis B – in a 2-dose schedule, 4–6 months apart for any student who hasn’t received a previous course of this vaccine.
- Varicella vaccine (chicken pox) for any student who hasn’t received a previous vaccine or had the disease (single dose for students up to the age of 14 years and two doses for students who have turned 14).
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa) adult vaccine – as a single dose to all year 7 students who have not received a previous dose.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – in a 3-dose schedule with 2 month gap between doses 1 & 2 and a 4 month gap between doses 2 & 3.

Year 9 boys only:
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – in a 3-dose schedule with 2 month gap between doses 1 & 2 and a 4 month gap between doses 2 & 3.

DETAILS FOR 2013
Thursday 14th February, 2013
Yr7 girls and Yr9 boys 1st dose HPV, all Yr7 Varicella and dTpa

Thursday 9th May, 2013
Yr7 girls and Yr9 boys 2nd dose HPV, all Yr7 1st dose Hep B

Thursday 5th September, 2013
Yr7 girls and Yr9 boys 3rd dose HPV, all Yr7 2nd dose Hep B

Please return consent forms to the Front Office by Friday 8th February. As this is a voluntary vaccination program, the clinic sisters will not accept verbal/faxed authority; the school will not chase students who have not returned their forms.

Yours faithfully,

Brad Germon
Deputy Principal