

## ELDERSLIE HIGH SCHOOL

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## **School Vaccinations**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

This year, Years 7 and 10 will be offered vaccinations through the school program. Any missed vaccinations for Year 8 students from last year will also be included in this program. The dates for Elderslie High School's 2022 vaccination program are:

22/03/22	Year 7	Visit 1	HPV Gardasil (dose 1)
22/03/22	Year 8	Visit 1	HPV Gardasil (dose 2) *catch up from 2021 which are still outstanding due to COVID lockdown*
14/06/22	Year 10	Visit 2	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine
11/10/21	Year 7	Visit 3	HPV Gardasil (dose 2) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough)

At each visit, Year 8 and 11 catch-ups and Year 7 missed dose catch-ups will be administered.

On these dates the students must ensure that they are present all day, eat a good breakfast and ensure that they drink plenty of water during the day. Please note that vaccinations start during Roll Call.

The year 7 vaccination envelope contains a vaccination card which needs to be completed using capital letters and returned to the school by Friday 11th March. Please complete all sections and sign all relevant boxes. Students are to return signed forms to the box located in the Library. The box will be labelled "Vaccinations" and will be on reception desk.

Parents of Year 8 students who did not complete Dose 2 of HPV Gardasil in 2021, due to COVID lockdown, will receive a SMS advising them of such. Should you have any questions please contact the Public Health Unit Liverpool on 9794 0855.

Following the vaccination, a record of the vaccination administered will be communicated, either as a physical card or as a text message to the mobile number provided by the parent/guardian on the consent form. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive the Record of Vaccination.

Parents/Guardians who do not want their child to participate in the program or wish to withdraw their consent may do so in writing to the school. The Procedure for *Withdrawal of Consent* is available on the NSW Health Website at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

Students who are apprehensive about receiving their vaccinations, the nurses will be available from 8.30am for parents to attend with their child. If you choose this option, please attach a letter with your completed forms stating this along with your contact details and your child's name. Should you have any further questions, please contact Mr Atterton (Relieving Head Teacher) on 4658 1110.

Kind regards,

Mr S. Atterton
Relieving Head Teacher Welfare

Mrs J. Lawrence Principal