NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program 2011

Information for Parents/Guardians of Year 7 and Year 10 students

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based program.

In 2011 the following vaccines will be offered:

- **Hepatitis B** and varicella (chickenpox) vaccines will be offered in a catch-up program for all Year 7 students who have not previously received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby, or, had chickenpox the disease.

- **Human papillomavirus** (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 girls only as a 3-dose course over a six-month period.

- **Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis** (whooping cough) will be offered to all Year 7 and Year 10 students.

*Parent Information Kits* will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the consent form and return it to their child’s school.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au).

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians are requested to record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s health information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

*A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and a copy is provided to your GP. Parents should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.*

Should you have any further questions or comments regarding this program please call the Centre for Population Health on 9840 3603. Further information regarding immunisation is also available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)