**Year 7 vaccinations**

**Free vaccines for all Year 7 students**

Dear Parent/Guardian

Teams of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting your child’s school during Year 7 to offer free vaccinations against serious preventable diseases

**Vaccines include:**

1. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (2 doses)
2. Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa) vaccine (1 dose)

**THESE VACCINES ARE ONLY PROVIDED FREE FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS**

**What do you need to do?**

* Year 7 Parent Information Kit will be distributed by your school at the beginning of 1st term
* Read the information included in the Kit (translated copies are available on the website below)
* **ENSURE FORM IS COMPLETED CORRECTLY, AND SIGN FOR EACH VACCINE REQUIRED**
* **COMPLETE CONSENT FORMS IN BLUE OR BLACK PEN ONLY**

**On the day of the vaccination clinic:**

* ensure your child has eaten breakfast the morning of the clinic
* ensure your child is wearing clothing that enables the upper arm to be exposed

Ask your child for the record of vaccination when they arrive home on the day of the clinic – keep this record in a safe place (eg. baby’s’ blue book), ideally notify your GP for their records.

**What if your child misses a vaccine?**

You won’t need to do anything. Every effort will be made to catch-up missed vaccines at other clinics at your child’s school during the year or the following year when they are in year 8.

**More questions?**

Please contact Hunter New England Local Health District, Immunisation Unit on 49246477 or visit

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>