

Friday 17 February 2023



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Dear Parents/Caregiver(s)

RE: National Immunisation Program Changes

Please be advised there has been some changes to the National Immunisation Schedule.

From the 6th of February 2023, the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine will change from the routine two doses to a single dose.

The change is based on advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisations (ATAGI) who have considered the latest and international scientific and clinical evidence which has concluded that a single dose of HPV vaccine delivers comparable protection to two doses.

If consented for, students in Years 7 and 8 will receive a single dose of the HPV vaccine and a booster dose of diphtheria tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

This will be the last year for year 8 students to receive these vaccinations at school, from 2024 they will be offered to all year 7 students bringing South Australia in line with the other states in Australia.

Please be advised that immunisation dates are as follows:

Year 8 Students: Friday 24 February 2023 (Term 1, Week 4)

Year 10 Students: Tuesday 20 June 2023 & Tuesday 22 August 2023 (Term 2, Week 8 & Term 3, Week 5 respectively)

Year 7 Students: Wednesday 1 November 2023 (Term 4, Week 3)

More information regarding these changes is available on the SA Health website:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/immunisation/vaccines/human+papillomavirus+hpv+vaccine/>

Consent forms are due to be returned Friday 17 February 2023. If you do not have a consent form, please contact the front office to obtain one. Please do not hesitate to contact the front office on 8360 6111.

Regards

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Principal

