

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian

All students in **Year 10** will be offered free vaccines for both meningococcal B and meningococcal ACWY.

Both meningococcal B and meningococcal ACWY vaccines are recommended for adolescents even if they have received a previous dose of meningococcal C vaccine or meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

A trained vaccination team will visit your child's school to offer these vaccinations. Your child will receive two injections at the first school visit: one meningococcal B vaccine and one meningococcal ACWY vaccine, with the second meningococcal B vaccine two months later.

Included with this letter is the **Year 10 Consent Card**. Please read all information on both sides of this page before completing the consent card and discuss these vaccines with your child.

It is important that you complete both sides of the Consent Card and return it to the school, even if you DO NOT consent for your child to be vaccinated at school.

If your child has had a meningococcal B vaccine or meningococcal ACWY vaccine, please return the Consent Card.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time prior to vaccination by contacting your **School Immunisation Program provider**. **It is very important to contact the School Immunisation Program provider if the student has received the vaccine/s elsewhere before the school visit or if other information provided on the Consent Card needs to be updated.**

In South Australia, students can legally consent for themselves if they are aged 16 years or over.

Students will receive a vaccination record to take home. This contains important information regarding possible side effects after vaccination.

If you have provided consent and your child is unwell or not at school on vaccination day, the School Immunisation Program provider will advise how your child can access the missed vaccine.

All immunisations administered to children and adolescents are recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register. Parents/legal guardians of students aged less than 14 years can access an immunisation history statement either from their **Medicare online account** through **myGov** or by using the **Express Plus Medicare** mobile app.

Due to privacy laws, anyone aged 14 years or older needs to access their own statement or give permission to the Australian Government Department of Human Services for their parents/legal guardians to access their history statement.

Further information about immunisation is available at:

- Parent and student high school vaccination videos: health.gov.au/resources/collections/vaccination-videos-for-high-school-students
- SA Health – School Immunisation Program: sahealth.sa.gov.au/school-immunisations
- SA Health – Meningococcal B Immunisation Program: sahealth.sa.gov.au/menbprogram
- Australian Government Department of Health: health.gov.au/health-topics/immunisation
- National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance: ncirs.edu.au

Privacy

- The information you provide on the *Consent Card*, and information related to vaccines administered will be stored electronically and/or in hard copy as a medical record. This information will be disclosed to staff involved in the provision of an immunisation service for SA Health and local government councils and their immunisation providers. The immunisation records will be recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register where it will be stored on your child's Medicare account.
- If you are concerned that personal information has been misused or subject to unauthorised access, contact your School Immunisation Program provider. If the issue remains unresolved, contact SA Health Immunisation Section on 1300 232 272.

