Dear Parents,

The school vaccine program helps ensure students and communities are protected from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus and chicken pox. In 2015 the schedule has been changed - the Boostrix vaccine has moved from Year 10 to Year 7. To achieve this transition, in 2015 the Boostrix vaccine will be offered to all students in Years 7 to 10. From 2016 this vaccine will only be offered in Year 7.

Recently the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 were amended to authorise schools to release parent and student information to local councils so that councils can follow up with parents after the consent forms have been distributed. This means that we will provide your local council with your contact details and a council representative may contact you with vaccine program information. If you do not wish for your details to be provided to the council, please advise the school office in writing office@mecs.vic.edu.au by February 27.

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