Year 7 Immunisation Program 2016

February 4, 2016

Dear Year 7 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 was changed - the Boostrix vaccine was moved from Year 10 to Year 7. To achieve this transition, in 2015 the Boostrix vaccine was 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 26.

Immunisation dates for 2016 are:

18 March 2016: Year 7 Gardasil/Boostrix
20 May 2016: Year 7 Varicella
27 Oct 2016: Year 7 Gardasil

Please return all cards enclosed in the immunisation envelope to the main office by Friday February 12, even if you do not want your child to receive the immunisation/s.

Blessings,

Helen Damster

School Services Officer